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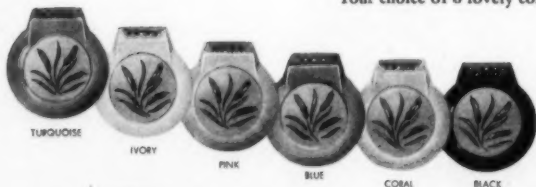


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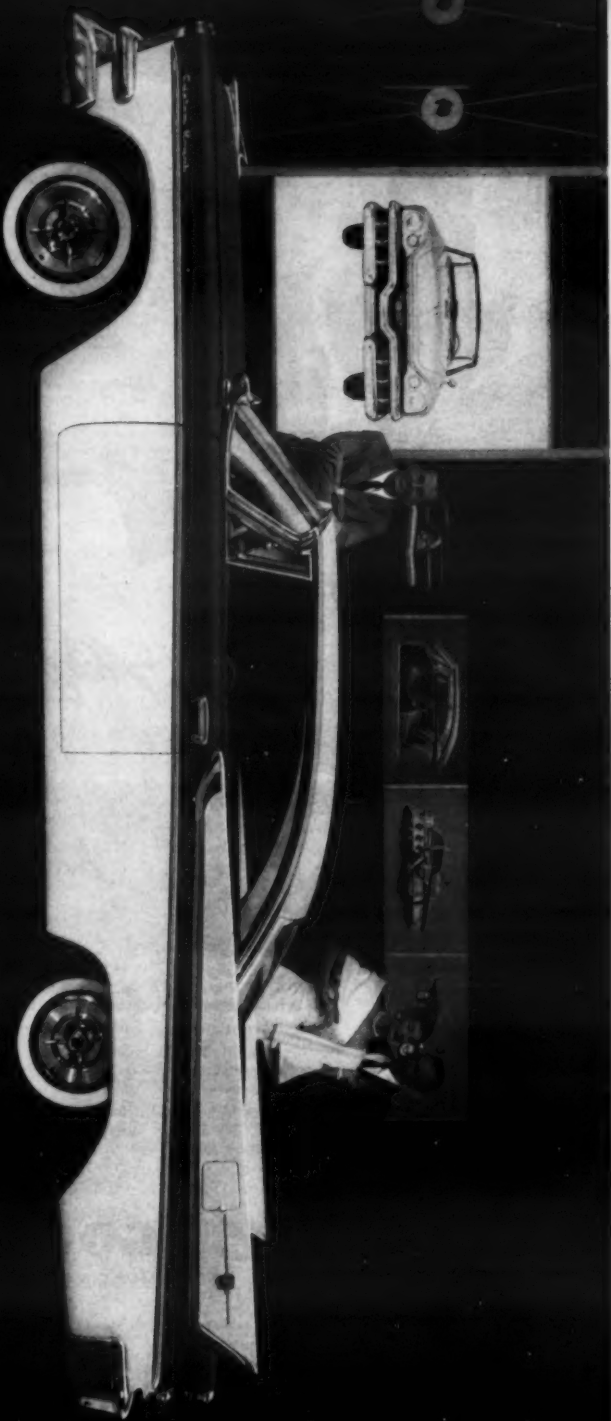


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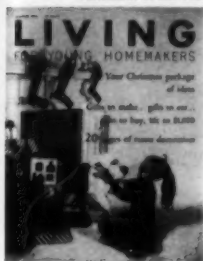
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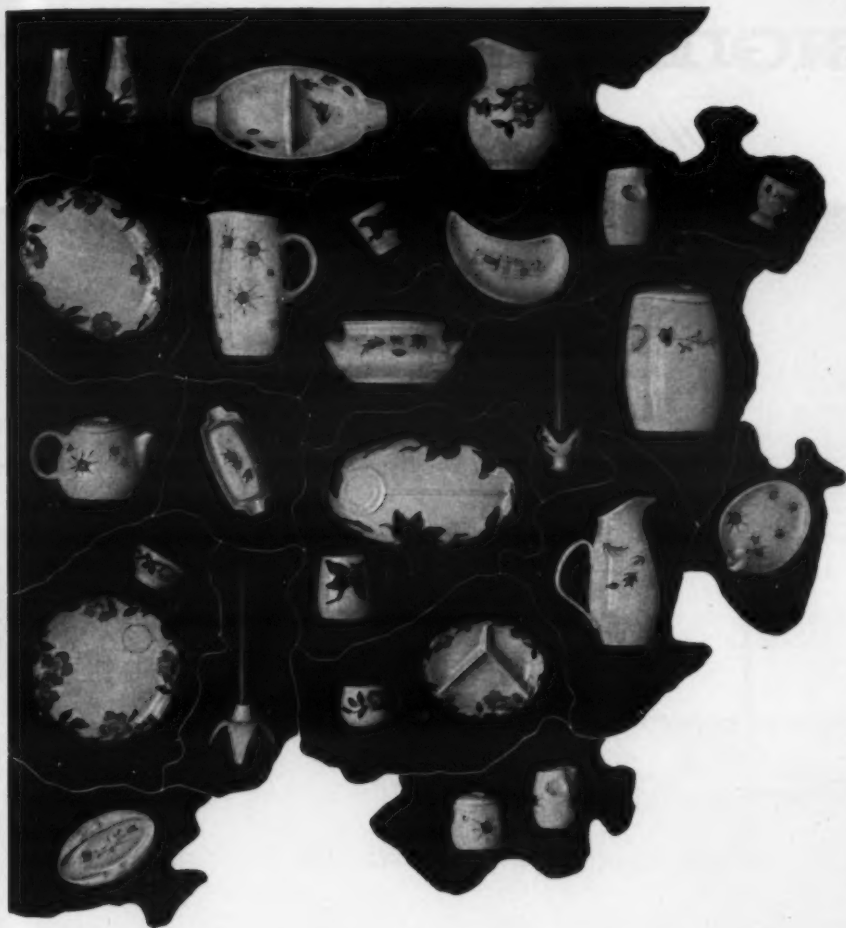
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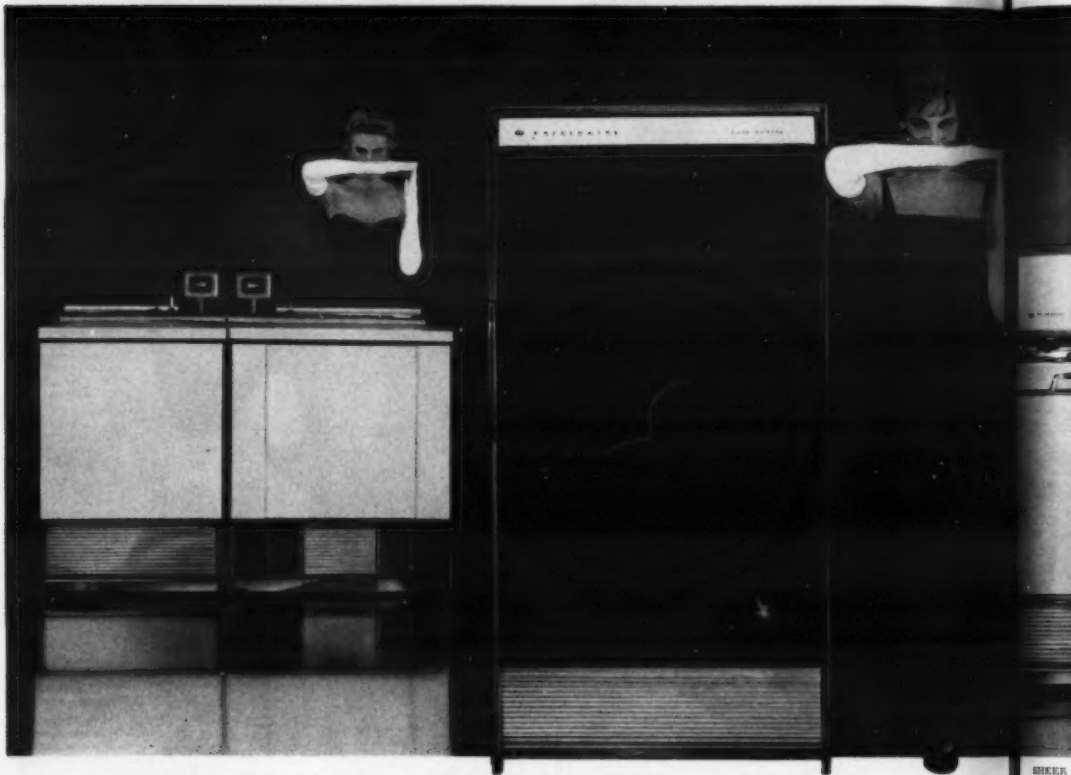


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MUSIC FOR LIVING

By DAVID RANDOLPH

With preparations for Christmas occupying our time, most of us are going to have our hands full in the next few weeks. To simplify your gift-giving problems, I am devoting this month's column to a listing of suggested gift records. You will notice that all the records are categorized according to different tastes. This should make your gift selection an easy matter.

THE YOUNGEST TASTES

Soundbook has issued a most appealing record of *Lullabies from Near and Far*, under the title of *Golden Slumbers*. As you might expect from the title, the songs are culled from many nations.

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Four charming and easy-to-listen-to works of Mozart have been performed by the Solisti Di Zagreb under Antonio Janigro, on a Vanguard disc. These are *divertimentos*, which is the name for a kind of entertainment music that was popular in Mozart's day.

The Bach Guild has issued all four of the orchestral suites of Bach in a two-record album. The performers are the members of the Vienna State Opera Orchestra, under Felix Prohaska. This would be an ideal gift, not only for the lover of Bach, but for the music student as well, since the complete orchestral scores are supplied. In addition, the overtures to two of the suites are recorded

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SPECIALIZED TASTES

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Lovers of the harp will find an unusual treat in the disc issued by Esoteric Records, featuring the playing of the harpist, Nicanor Zabaleta. It contains a wide variety of styles, since it is devoted to sixteenth-century Spanish music, as well as modern French and Spanish pieces.

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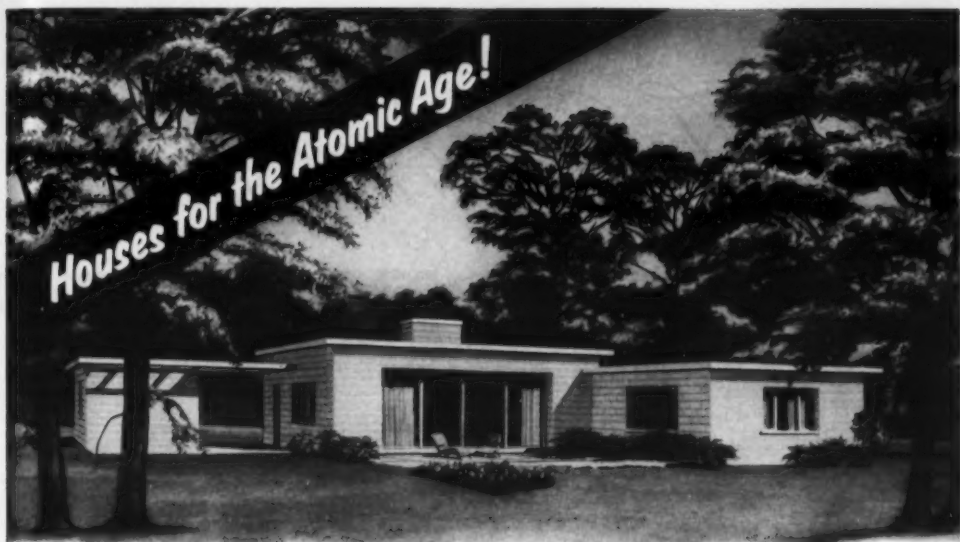
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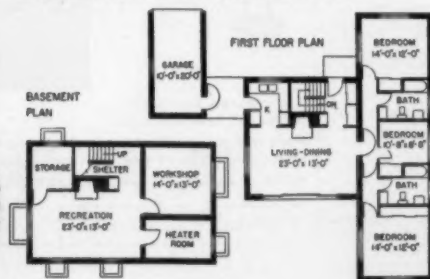
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ELECTRI-LIVING HOUSES

Dear Editors:

The twenty-three *Electri-Living* houses in the September, 1956 issue (*A Parade of Homes Designed for You*) are great! We think you showed wisdom in limiting the price range from \$14,000 to about \$25,000, including property, proving that within this area distinguished design is being accomplished.

Your promise to show these sketches photographed in the January, 1957 issue is a challenge and will keep many a reader hanging on tightly to the September copy to make comparisons.

Mrs. Hugh Lumbard
Seattle, Washington

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have viewed the houses in a completed state and they have exceeded our expectations. Unfortunately, two or three have exceeded our expectations in price. Some have been built on land way beyond the cost for a \$14,000 to \$25,000 house. Also because they were built on

the basis of a custom home, costs have mounted, and in at least two cases, the houses were enlarged way beyond the plans that were shown, which increased the price. In addition, the amount of equipment, which of course is optional, is considerable. Once started, it was a temptation to some builders to put all conceivable modern equipment in the houses regardless of price. However, when we report these homes in the January, 1957 issue, there will be an accurate evaluation of the cost.

Dear Mr. Dornés:

I have seen your design for a house to be built in Monroe, New York, in the September, 1956 issue. I have studied it and have come to the conclusion that I do not want to live in a home that may be different from yours.

We come from a distant land, have been here for a year and a half, and have been appalled by the architecture of many of the houses in the suburbs of New York.

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alterations in the outer walls or another fenestration, is suitable to every climate and topography in the world.

Enrique Robert
New York City

Gentlemen:

My husband and I are completely enchanted with the Chicago *Electri-Living* house shown in *A Parade of Homes Designed for You* in the September, 1956 issue. We are covetously eyeing a beautiful five-acre sloping lot south of Denver in a lovely residential area, and we feel that this split-level home by architect Edward Dart would be perfect for our family which consists of five children and my mother besides my husband and myself.

Mrs. Edward L. Kent, Jr.
Denver, Colorado

Dear Editors:

In *A Parade of Homes Designed for You* in the September, 1956 issue, the house built in Charlotte, North Carolina, looks so exactly right for our wooded country lot

and "feels" so exactly right for our young family.

Mrs. Raymond Brinker
Rockford, Illinois

Gentlemen:

In the September, 1956 issue the Indianapolis, Indiana, house is the one we know we want to build. For a long time we have been searching for the floor plan which suits our family needs and our building site, and at last we have found it.

Wayne Gravens
Corveta, Oklahoma

PAINTING PARTY

Dear Sirs:

Your article *New Birthday Suit for a Centenarian* in the February, 1956 issue on Tomah, Wisconsin, whose citizens painted the town "red (and orange and sky-blue pink)" on its one hundredth anniversary is truly grand.

We have for several years pondered the idea of starting such a project in our town, which is a community of 2,500 and the home of a beautiful little college. This story has stimulated so much discussion that it looks as though it may bring results.

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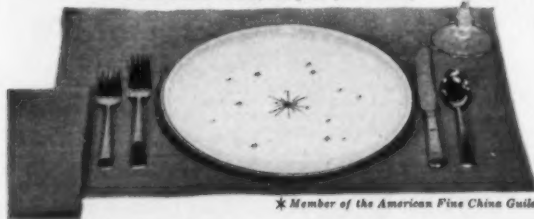
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A CHILD'S GIFT

Left to his own devices and confronted with a gift-giving occasion, the average child on a lean budget is often reduced to bestowing such thoughtful (but somewhat *too* practical) gifts as a can of scouring powder. For children from five to nine, here is a remedy: inexpensive gifts they can make themselves. Useful and functional, they contain enough art-in-the-making to flatter their skill and the recipient's ego.



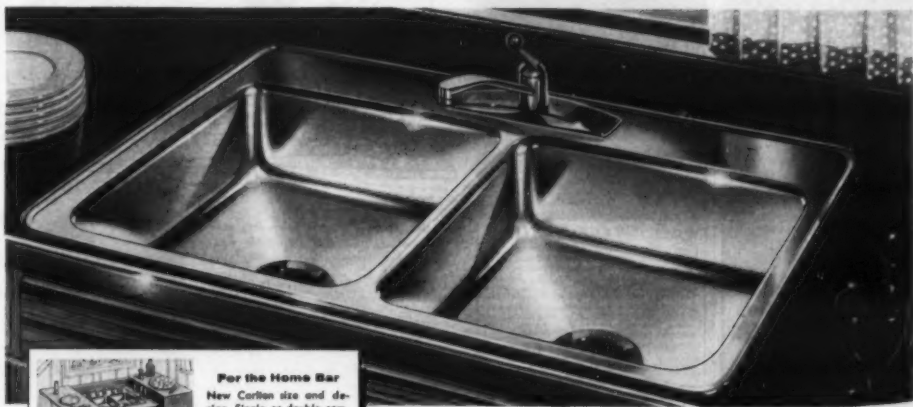
Colorful twine dispenser can be made from an old kitchen canister. Cover sides of can with alternating strips of colored gummed tape, contrasting the colors as you go. Pin-wheel effect is created on cover, a gold seal applied to its center, and then a small hole is punched for the twine

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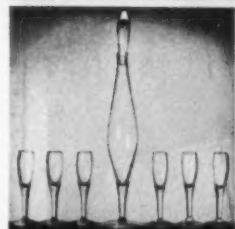
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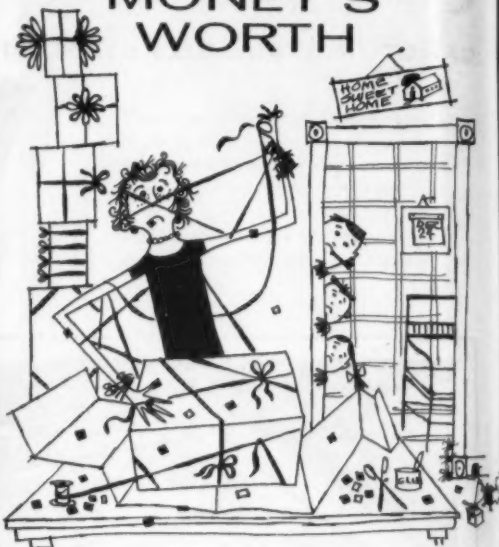
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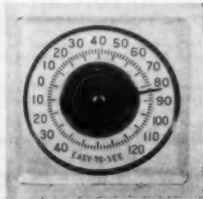
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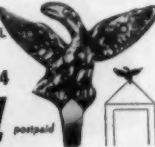
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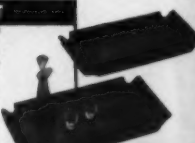
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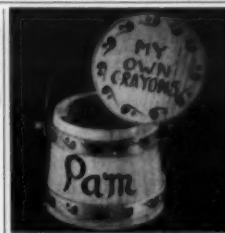


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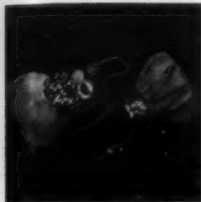
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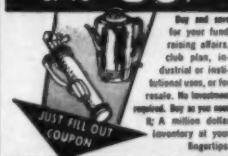
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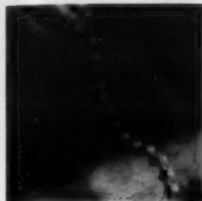
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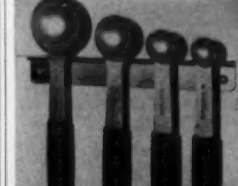
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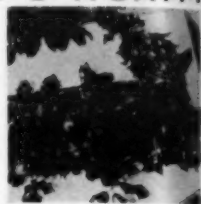
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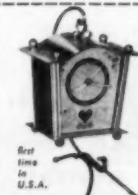
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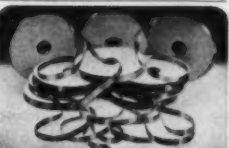
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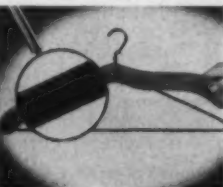
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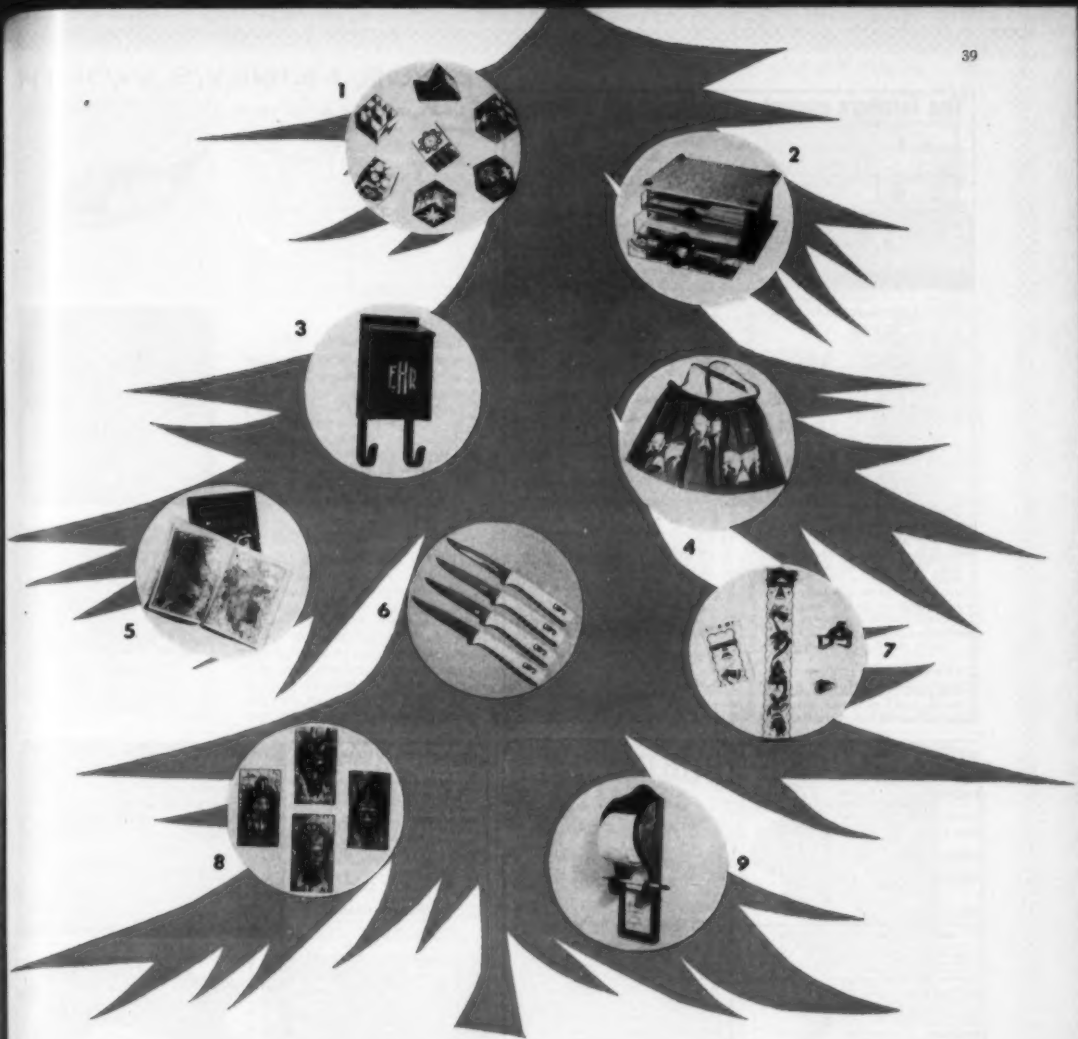
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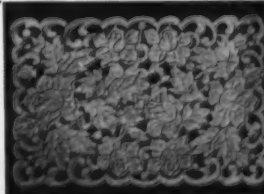
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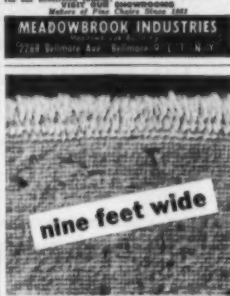
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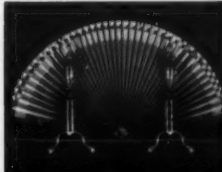
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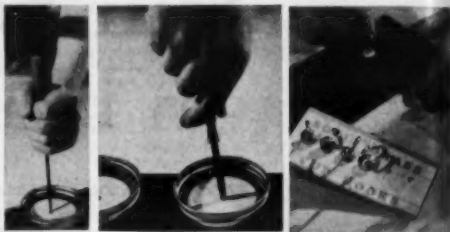
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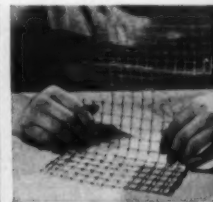
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Preserve jars make handy containers to hold nails and odds-and-ends in Dad's workshop. Punch holes through metal lids of four glass screw-on jars, then screw lids to piece of wood approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" x 14". Next, screw a cup-hook into each end on reverse side; these will be used to suspend your storage rack from hooks fastened to underside of shelf or cabinet



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3. Carefully worked out by experts, the Sioane-Delaware booklet, *How to Choose, Design and Install Your Own Tile Floor*, includes instructions for laying out the room, preparation of the underfloor, choosing the correct adhesive, cementing tiles, and helpful hints on floor care. Other useful information consists of facts about linoleum, cork and vinyl tiles, how to combine tile colors and textures, how to design your own patterns and how to install border tiles. Free.

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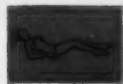
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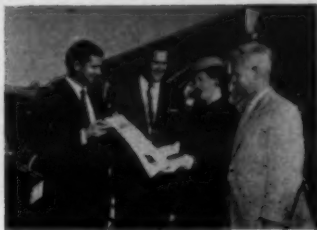
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Governor Gary opens Oklahoma City's Electri-Living home



EBE becomes an honorary citizen of Dallas

Speaking of Living

In preparation for the January reprise of the *Electri-Living* homes, September saw our editors scurrying about the country like so many Grover Whalens, cutting ribbons and throwing bouquets as one house after another had its grand opening. Returning at last to the editorial fold, each expressed his delight with both the homes and public enthusiasm. (In Dallas, for example, a throng of 30,000 visited the house during the first four days.) The homes themselves you will see next month; in the meantime, here are a few candid shots of the ribbon-cutters at work.

Editor-in-Chief EBE was on hand to help Governor Gary of Oklahoma "saw" the "ribbon" at the Oklahoma City home. On her left are builder **Floyd Harrison** (extreme left), **Gus Fields**, managing director of the Oklahoma City Home Builders Association. Should you wonder what in the world EBE is sporting as a hat, it is a scale model of the house made of pink and white velvet and presented to her by **Sid Davidoff** (far right) representing the Home Builders Association. Flying on to Dallas, EBE was greeted by (left to right) builder **Gordon Wright**, Mayor pro tem **Vernon E. Smith**, and *Parade of Homes* Chairman **Leland G. Lee, Jr.**, who promptly made her an honorary citizen, scrawl and all, of the city.

At Monroeville, Pennsylvania, editor of architecture **Robert Engelbrecht**, A.I.A., snipped the home-opening tape with the assistance of builder **Harold Sampson** (right) and **Robert L. Janisse**, president of Robert L. Janisse Interiors.

The opening in Stratford, New Jersey,

was enhanced no end by the presence of TV celebrity **Maggi McNeilis** who found the house exciting to look at, impressive in its array of ultra-modern conveniences. Assisting at the inaugural shearing were architect **Robert Chappelle** and Mayor **Theodore Harrer**.

Few film stars get the build-up lavished on the *Electri-Living* homes. When merchandiser editor **Cele Hayward** arrived in Detroit, a multi-car Plymouth motorcade met her plane, flash bulbs popped, and off she was whisked to the opening of the Troy, Michigan, home. Flanking Cele and Mayor pro tem **Ernest Gray** are builder **George H. Glover** (left) and **E. J. Hurley**, of the Detroit Edison Company.

"**Chip**" **Crenin**, a Millis, Massachusetts, bantam baseball star, helped Congressman **Joseph Martin** do the honors at the ceremony officially opening the Boston area home. Former Speaker of the House Martin wielded the scissors with style and dispatch under the admiring eyes of (left to right) builder **Alex H. Marcovitz**, architect **Joseph Stanlunas**, A.I.A., **John Barry** of the Boston Edison Company and our managing editor, **Bill Hague**.

The Fresno, California, opening found **Nellabelle Dickey**, our West Coast editor, the belle of the ball in a circle composed of (left to right) **Art Roth**, president of Roth Furniture, builder **Art Yager**, architect **Bob Stevens** and **Allen R. Crockett**.

The fine points of the kitchen, per se, were discussed at length when **Josephine McCarthy** interviewed designer-builder **John Dornés** on a recent telecast of her show, *Josie's Kitchen*.



Maggi McNeilis stars



Bob Engelbrecht in Pittsburgh



Motorcade took Cele Hayward to Michigan opening

Josephine McCarthy, John Dornés





Nellabelle Dickey and Fresno ribbon-cutters

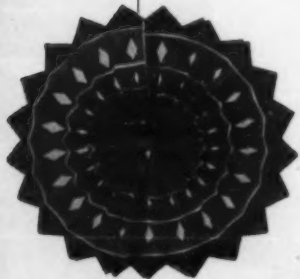


Congressman Joe Martin, Bill Hague in Millis



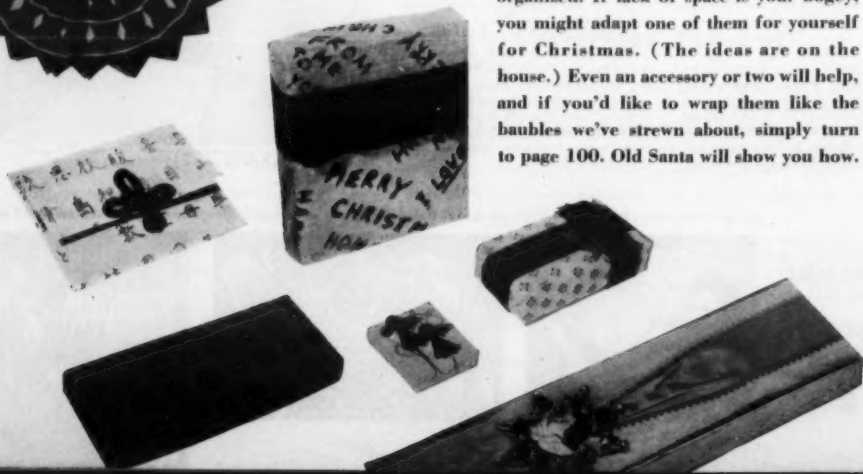


Big ideas can come in small packages



We are indulging ourselves—this joyous season—by playing a new role: an apartment-house Santa Claus. We'll come down no chimneys (we can't squeeze through a flue) and there will be no reindeer prancing around the TV antennae, but we do have a bag full of elegant ideas—small in scale but big in scope—for the apartment dweller who despairs of living stylishly in rooms that scarcely offer space to swing a cat. No one knows better than we that the average city apartment is too small (the architects who designed them must all live in the country), but it does not follow that because of their limited dimensions they need be either uncomfortable or prosaic. Under the thoughtful auspices of B. Altman & Co., a series of rooms have been prepared to give the lie to the argument that size has anything at all to do with style, and on the following pages, we show you a few. They are very small rooms—some of them only 10' x 12', but anyone who would call them frumpish or cramped is suffering from megalomania. They were not simple to compose—the triumph over space rarely is—and they owe their success to more than a few tricks of the trade, but they are charmingly, meticulously

organized. If lack of space is your bogey, you might adapt one of them for yourself for Christmas. (The ideas are on the house.) Even an accessory or two will help, and if you'd like to wrap them like the baubles we've strewn about, simply turn to page 100. Old Santa will show you how.





P. M. BERKADOT



Decked with holly, this living room is a little paragon to the art of conversation. Six people can sit in it comfortably, admire each other, the admirable picture arrangement, or both. Yellow walls are "pushed back" by oatmeal-colored carpeting; love seats are aqua; ottomans, mahogany brown. Slanting wall shelves require little space, are fine for display. Shaw love seats and ottomans, Berkey cocktail table, Everfast drapery fabric. Holiday Furniture wall shelves and drawers throughout





Life in one room need not resolve itself into the claustrophobia of sheer compression if its furniture is as carefully scaled as that of the handsome little living-dining-study opposite. The day-bed is as comfortable as it is sleek; the bridge table serves for dining as well as cards, and there is still room for books, storage and the silver limpidity of a Japanese screen hung as a picture. Firm-mode tile-topped tables, Cohn-Hall-Marx drapery fabric, Firth all-wool carpet. The well-arranged bath, designed by Universal-Rundle, repeats the same color motif, the same expert use of space



Few small apartments boast dining rooms; even when they exist, they are hardly of banquet size, and sheer artifice is required to make them look larger. Below, half the battle is won with scaled-down furniture (the table extends, if need be); the other half by hanging a pale, delicately patterned paper on three walls and draping the window wall from head to toe. Since complete china, glass and linen storage can rarely be relegated to the average small kitchen, three chests and a caned china cabinet more than do the honors. Founders furniture





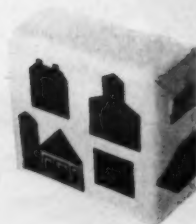


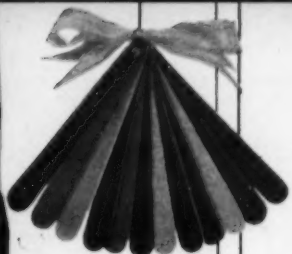
One way of attaining a vista in a viewless apartment (and their name is legion) is to hang it on the wall. In the room above, one ostensibly is looking through a shoji screen at a Japanese landscape—a deception made feasible by five panels of scenic paper, a dado and a frieze. The other walls are painted white, and a conversation group, low-slung and svelte, is formed by wing and club chairs, one yellow, one white, and a charcoal sofa. Windows (at near end of room) are hung in bright-orange silk, the rug is the color of desert sand. Granick chairs and sofa; Founders walnut pieces

P. M. NEWBERRY

Drama can be played quite as effectively in a small room as on a forty-foot stage, and in the little dining room opposite, a crystal chandelier—impressive, deliberately oversize—is given the leading role. Again, space is seemingly expanded by completely draping the window wall, papering the others down to the dado. Furniture is Italian provincial, a motif accentuated by the iron Roman benches by Gallo. Century furniture (Italian provincial in cherry wood), Firth all-wool rug, Fortisan caseament fabric







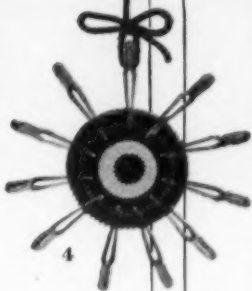
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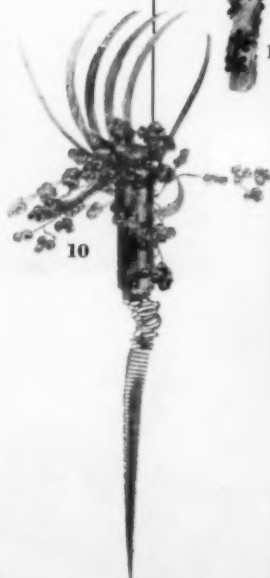
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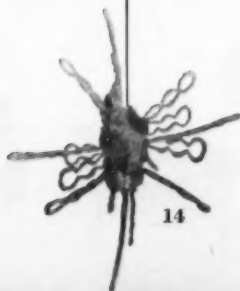
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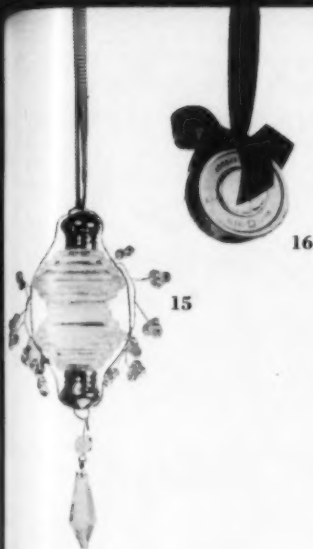
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Post Christmas

surprise: gift decorations

There are certain households—run by a stop watch—where the Christmas tree comes down with a bang on December 26th; others, more leisurely, more sentimental, perhaps, keep it standing, listing to port and needles falling, until Washington's Birthday. Which is fine with us. What we want is a bit of gaiety on the sad day of dismantlement, a little more Christmas, and the best thing we can think of is another present or two—the kind of little token usually called a stocking stuffer. Dressed to kill in tinsel and ribbon, what better place to find it than on a tree—an ornament, in short, that pays a dividend. There should be something for everyone: a tube of someone's favorite tooth paste disguised as an angel, cookie cutters strung on a ribbon garland, what you will. Let the family take turns at helping themselves, and if Grandma gets a shaving brush, she can always swap it for Father's lipstick. Anyone with deft fingers can do the dressing up and, as you can see on the opposite page, they are worthy of the prettiest, most opulent tree on the street. (To test your eye, we have identified them below, upside down.)

9. Box of face powder in a paper sunburst
10. Once a lipstick, now a wonderful bug
11. Floral-banded, ribbon-crowned styptic pencil
12. Shaving brush, greatly glorified
13. Orange and tape measure Happy Hoologan
14. Flower of gumdrops and plastic hairpins
15. Salt and pepper shakers pose as a prism
16. Beneath a velvet ribbon, adhesive tape

1. Sheet of multicolored emery boards
2. Brass eagle ornamental hook
3. Alice-in-Wonderland headbands
4. Hair clips and a tiny paper fan
5. Tooth paste decked out as an angel
6. Nail polish with a tinsel tiara
7. Rubber ball, giddily disguised
8. Cookie cutters, strung like a necklace





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Desk, television and hi-fi console form a compact little group on the wall opposite the sofa (Motorola's automatic TV and hi-fi phonograph are both contained in a single unit). Desk chair (Jamestown Lounge) is mahogany upholstered in Koroseal

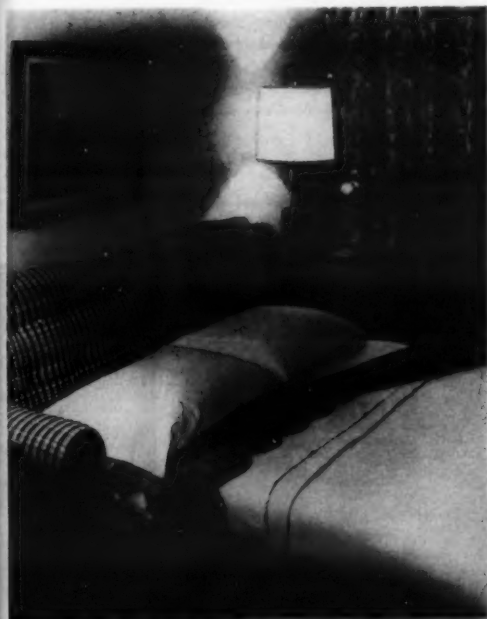


Double closet with folding door holds garment bags, hat- and blanket-boxes in one section, and in the other, a chest of drawers that can be used as a dressing table



Company for Christmas finds the Room of the Month a

guest-room-plus. Christmas, of course, is one time when most households must cope with the problem of where to put Grandpa or Aunt Josie or Cousin Kate, and in a house with three bedrooms and four children, visiting firemen—however welcome—can cause a certain degree of what Grandpa would call “discombobulation.” That is why *this* guest room is the servant of two masters. It bears no resemblance at all, outwardly at least, to the conventional bedroom: it could be the family room, one end of the living room or a room in the attic, but although it takes care of Christmas company—or any other kind—very nicely, it is also so equipped as to be an all-around family retreat for television, music or study whenever it is guestless. Owners of small homes, take note! (Interior decoration by Joseph Horne Co., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.)



△ **Almost as black and white as a domino,** the room uses only one other color, a hot pink (rug, cushions, picture mats) to spike, so to speak, the punch. By day (opposite), it gives no evidence of being a bedroom, but at night (left), it reveals its alter ego and the sofa becomes a bed—and a very comfortable one—for a guest. Jamestown Lounge *Marie Paysanne* armchairs, Imperial walnut and brass tables, Simmons French provincial *Hide-A-Bed*, Monarch *Avisco* rug, Cyrus Clark *Regency* drapery fabric, Orlon blanket by Chatham, *Chantilly Flower Lace* sheets by Wamsutta

For stores featuring this furniture, see *Stores in Your Vicinity*

The gift of courage

Prebuilding conference: John (right) and Jill Heath go over the plans for their new home with Red and real-estate salesman Buck Ayars (left)

Red McDonald (his given name is Frank, but people have to think a bit to remember it—he's been "Red" for so long) is a strapping young Chicagoan who, four years ago, was an advertising salesman for this magazine. His whole future lay before him, and he was ambitious enough, determined enough to do all he could to make it a rosy one. Micki, his wife, is one of Chicago's more attractive young women, and by way of signature, they have a little boy named Jeff. In addition to these blessings, Red was gifted with a talent for golf that could have put him—had he had the time—into the professional strata. He played whenever he could—even in winter, when he would knock a scarlet ball about in the snow—something only *aficionados* do. He was a happy man, and we admired him. Then, one day, Red fell victim to the stroke-of-lightning, tragic irony that seems to pursue the happiest of men. He was stricken with polio, and is to this day. It was not what would be called a mild attack. Even after a year of therapy in Chicago and Warm Springs, he was almost immobile, and yet, in a way, he was more aware than he had ever been. The one thing left to him that seemed stronger than ever was his determination, and out of the tedium of being an invalid came an astonishing insight into himself, and, eventually, the knowledge of exactly how—despite poliomyelitis—he could reconstruct his life. If there could be anything more difficult to do, we don't want to know about it. Red's father, a talented amateur craftsman and a very wise man, set the ball rolling. Because of his work with LIVING, Red had more than an average familiarity with building materials, and since he and Micki had recently purchased a new home, he was very aware of the housing problems of young homemakers. So, his father thought, why not put that knowledge and experience to work? Frank, Senior was not exactly an amateur himself: he could make anything (and still can) that one can ask from the proper tools and two gifted hands. The prospect of a father-and-son partnership delighted him, and since building was the obvious field, builders they would

On the spot from the day of surveying (below, left), Red and Micki consult with George Drake, cement contractor. Below, center, Red parleys a bit with excavator Len Stratford, and below, he has a bite of lunch with Hank Najdowski, Joe Bray and foreman Mike Gardino





HOWELL WARD

be. Not overnight: it wasn't that easy. Builders are very active people; they can't work by remote control simply because successful building is an on-the-spot job. So, somehow, Red had to be made omnipresent—a tricky problem that was solved by rigging up what looks very like a block and tackle on the roof of Red's station wagon—a device that whisks him into the car with extraordinary dispatch. His chair goes into the back, Micki takes the wheel, and they're off. That solved the mechanics: the next step was organization. Red had been born and raised in Highland Park, and now lives next door in Deerfield. And so, not too far afield, do his life-long friends, and among them he found his team—a team out of a team: boys he had played basketball with in high school, who were now electricians, master carpenters, plumbers and painters—ready, able and so very willing. Red and his father recruited their men, bought a lot, hired an architect, and then built a house—not a very big one, but a good one, and it meant more to them than Mr. Blandings' dream house. It was sold before it was finished, and the McDonalds knew they had seen the green light. Cautiously at first, and then with confidence, they bought land and built houses, one after another, trying always to make each new one better than the last. Red, logically enough, draws young people like a magnet—particularly those who are building their first home, and they bring their problems to him, confident that his specialized interest and understanding will solve them. And they are solved: Red is not only a young people's builder, he is a successful one. And that's the story. Out of what might have been utter despair came an extraordinary victory and a business that owes its success to sheer courage and a very special strength—the kind of strength that few of us know we possess and that fewer still, mercifully, perhaps, are ever called upon to exert. To have seen what it can do is like being witness to a miracle. Red McDonald is a brave man, and for what he has so forcefully taught us, we are grateful, and will be always.

The Heaths' new home has progressed to the point (below, left) where it is at least a roof over their heads, and the time has come to talk of finishes. With Red's help, they are selecting flooring

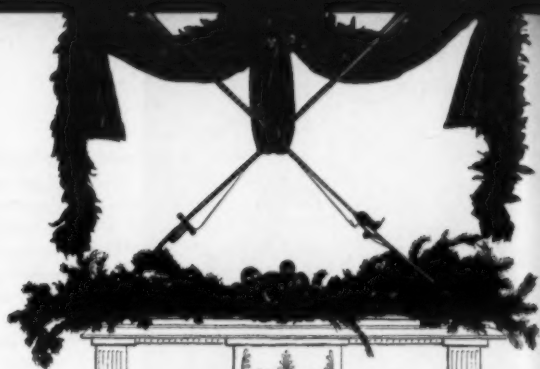
When the McDonalds build two houses at the same time, they divide the work and Micki (below) gets some very thorough blueprint briefing along with a group of the subcontractors working on the job in question





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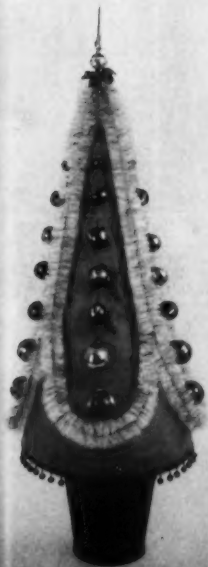
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BUDGET SPARKLE

The tradition of the Christmas evergreen—adorned and bedecked within an inch of its life—is a venerable one, and we have no intention of dislodging it from its honored perch in the living room. Yet too often the tree is the beginning and the end of the matter: it stands there, all radiance and glitter, the one bright yule spot in a home that might otherwise be celebrating the Fourth of July. We propose, instead, that the entire house be given over to the fantasy of Christmas, and with this in mind, we have assembled a group of decorative inventions you make yourself. Designed to brighten a corner, table or buffet, four variations of the traditional tree were fashioned over a chicken-wire frame; there are also decorations for a door, wall and mantel. Each has the stamp of originality and (since they use no more than a few dollars' worth of simple, everyday materials) each has the virtue of economy. And if they serve to jog your imagination on to greater triumphs, then so much the better.

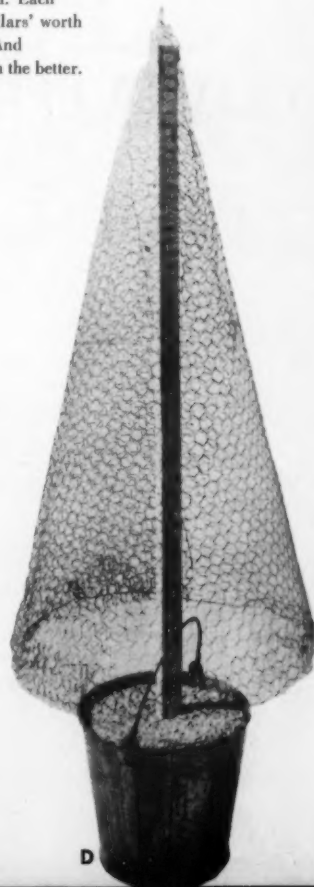
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- A. A family portrait is retired for the holiday: in its frame, pine boughs, fresh fruit, dried swamp grass, gourds and Christmas balls make a handsome *trophée* against green felt
- B. Plaid denim, laurel and heralding trumpets create a stylish swag over mantel. (Lacking horns, you can use cross swords or whatever the attic divulges)
- C. A merry St. Nick for your door is simple enough for a child to make. Paper doilies are stapled to the door and topped with a knotted tea towel
- D. Cone-shaped tree form of chicken wire rests on wood pole in gravel-filled pail. This one measures six feet; yours may be made to any height you desire
- E. Bands of red ribbon divide our first homemade tree into three sections, each of which holds fluffed paper doilies graduating in size toward bottom
- F. A bucket painted white, dramatized with lengths of ribbon, is the base of this tree—a novel display for your prettiest cards fastened with pins
- G. Varicolored pieces of tissue paper, shaped into beguiling flower forms, were inserted in wire frame for this novel tree. All trees are topped with finials
- H. Our fourth tree, a rosy confection indeed, uses pink tissue as a base, festoons of tinsel and Christmas balls. Ball fringe adds a flourish at the bottom

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ONE ROOM WITH A HOUSE IN MIND

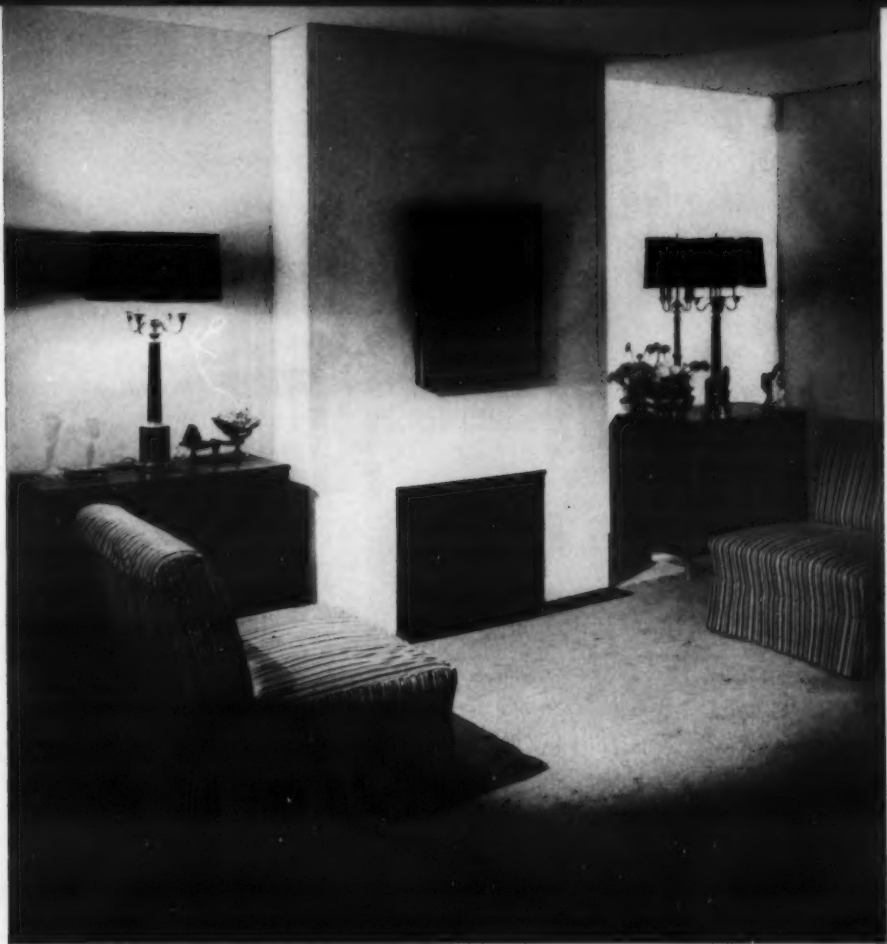
False economy, the specter that has haunted many a house, turns up with regularity in decoration. For example, a young couple setting up their first household may fit out their living room for what they consider "a song," with temporary furniture to tide them over until they can afford better. When that time arrives, the "song" (usually to the tune of several hundred dollars) turns a bit flat. Too good to be discarded, too expensive to store, the interim pieces finally become problems because there is no place to put them. A sizable sum of money has gone down the drain, simply because the couple failed to formulate a plan. They failed to realize that, in decorating a house or an apartment, one room cannot be planned economically without reference to the other rooms. Here is a living-dining room in two versions, an immediate and an eventual. Everything in the first was bought with its final use in another part of the house kept closely in mind. As a result, every purchase made—from the smallest ash tray to the largest seating piece—can end a long period of service in one room or another, proving once again that long-range decoration planning is good, sound economy.



To illustrate our point that the first trappings of any room should be earmarked at the outset for future duty elsewhere, we have chosen a living-dining area of average dimensions (13' x 17') and common architectural features (end wall window, side wall fireplace). A basic scheme of black and white was established to carry the room through all phases of its evolution. In the first stage, above, lounge with bolsters and tailored denim cover little reveals its future role as a single bed in the sleeping quarters. Fiber rug will one day move to a recreation room, folding armchairs to terrace. Accessories, all from the dime store, will be useful throughout the whole house. In later version (opposite), room retains its same quality, while having added upholstered and wood pieces, more important accessories, permanent dining group. Room divider, formerly at one side of fireplace, now delineates an entry into room. Sofa and wood pieces by Baumritter; Bates *Disciplined* cotton drapery fabrics; Aldon rug; Stadler-Newirth lamps; Virden adjustable ceiling fixture

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Fireside grouping is at first sparingly and practically arranged (right). *Delcraft Scandia* fiber rug is striped, contrasts with textured lounge cover; *Viko* nest tables have gray vinyl tops, iron legs. Room divider, an investment piece, is here used to fill a fireside niche. Mellow wood pieces, brass-trimmed lamps with black parchment shades, armless chairs in striped cotton, and a deep-piled rug (an *Avisco*, nylon and wool combination) change the scene (above) effectively to one of greater warmth, livability. However, just as pieces in first version move on to a new life in other rooms, so, likely, will those in the second, since no room is ever allowed by its occupants to be completely static, at least for very long





In original treatment, dining area was furnished simply and with foresight. A folding card table, four chairs with cane backs and *Naugahyde* seats (Stakmore) provide a comfortable interim dining group, can later be compactly stored for games or entertaining. High café curtains (an inexpensive white fabric given a lift with black bias tape and fringe trim), a paper lantern and two balloon prints from which the accent colors for the whole room were taken complete the scheme. Later furnishing (below) is dramatized by an unusual wall treatment: wallpaper is a shoji screen design (Imperial's *Far East* scenic mural), covers entire wall as well as hinged plywood shutters at the window. *Birchcraft* dining table (center extension, 42 inches in diameter), black lacquered chairs also provide a more formal effect



CHRISTMAS REVIVED

By Robert and Ronnie Wacker



WE WERE POKING ABOUT in the attic recently, searching for last year's Christmas things, when we came across two old cardboard boxes, dusty, dingy, and full of nostalgia. They had been tucked away in a corner and forgotten—the decorations our families had used many years ago when we were young and Christmas was the most exciting day of our lives. The old tinsel is tarnished and the ornaments have all seen better days, but somehow we could never quite bring ourselves to throw them away. We sat down on the floor, opened the boxes, and smiled a little sadly as we looked at the mementos of the kind of Christmas we had known before we forgot how easy it is to have a good time. There was the shiny pink angel who had smiled down on us every year from the top of the tree. Some of her hair is missing, and Grandmother never tires of telling what happened to it. Her daughter (then six, now the mother of three) fell in love with the ornament one Christmas and, unseen, nipped it off the tree and took it to bed with her. Angels, particularly when they have spun-glass hair, are meant to be looked at, not hugged, and Grandma spent several days extracting angelic glass fiber from a much wiser little girl. Next in the box was the familiar little crèche which had served as a way-station under the tree throughout the electric-train holidays of three boys. Needless to say, it bears the battle scars of honorable service. And there was Great-Grandfather's music-box tree-stand, a piece of tinkling sorcery that plunked out *O Tannenbaum* as it slowly turned the great tree on its base, majestic and improbable as a pirouetting dowager.

All these things were put away after the 1941 holidays—the last big family Christmas before World War II changed all our lives. As the members of both families separated and grew up during the war years, those who happened to be around either couldn't be bothered or hadn't the heart for all the old-time fuss. We'd have friends in for cocktails and buffet supper, and we "did things" with holly and mistletoe. If we troubled with a tree, it was apt to be a blue and silver abstraction, or something very chic in shell-pink. We did our best—strained, really, to make our Christmases interesting, and if two sets of grandparents remembered a time when the day had been something more . . . well, they didn't mention it. And the children were too young to



recognize a counterfeit. That is why the old decorations remained forgotten until the day we stumbled upon them, and right then, sitting on the attic floor, we found ourselves reliving the fun of those simpler celebrations. We began to realize that we had left behind something precious when we outgrew the love and wonder of those old Christmases, and this year, we decided, we're going back and look for lost treasure. We're going to give Christmas back to our children—restore the old family rituals just as we'd restore a good piece of furniture: by scraping off all the layers of gilt and varnish which have concealed the grain for so long. The old, familiar pink angel (or, if she isn't up to it, her twin) will smile down on us again from the tip of the tallest tree we can find.

On Christmas Eve, our children will be the guests of honor, and conversation will be portentous talk of Santa Claus and what he does for good boys and girls. Just before bedtime, we'll help them hang up their stockings (they all wear socks, but we'll manage somehow) just as our parents helped us twenty years ago. Wherever they come from, the stockings will *not* be the commercial sort of red or white felt with fake-ermine trimming and the child's name spelled out in rhinestones. They'll be simply good old black stockings—if we have to knit them ourselves. It won't be a particularly restful Christmas for the grownups. We'll be up late Christmas Eve, filling stockings, wrapping presents and trimming the tree with the old ornaments and garlands of popcorn and cranberries. We expect pandemonium at about 5 A.M. Christmas Day, when the first inkling of dawn tells our small fry that it's high time to rise and shine and check up on Santa. There will be the inevitable shrieks and crashes as the presents are opened, and we expect the floors will suffer a scar or two from solo flights on new roller skates and bikes. And we're prepared for the usual fraternal skirmishing over who gets to play with what, first. Although we hope that each child finds his own heart's desire under the tree, we are not planning to let Santa play safe by making our living room into a toy shop. We not only can't afford it, but we think it more important that our children know the ecstasy of wanting some one thing so badly that they can't sleep nights . . . and on Christmas morning find that their prayers have been answered. (We hope our personal prayers will be answered in the same way.

Not with an extravagant splurge brought on by one Martini too many, but by a thoughtful ear to the ground during those weeks preceding Christmas when anyone is apt to inadvertently (?) mention the one thing that will make him or her completely happy.)

We'll open our presents quietly while the children are whooping it up, and eventually have breakfast and dress up in our new ties and scarves and gloves and go to church with Grandma and Grandpa. We'll sing our heads off, and then stroll quietly home to be greeted by the incomparable fragrance of pine boughs and roasting turkey. Dinner will be enormous and we'll all eat too much and end up sprawled in the living room, ready to listen to Grandpa read Dickens *Christmas Carol*. Of course, they'll be doing the usual star-studded dramatization on television that day, but we saw it last year, and we think that hearing a member of the family reading Dickens will be a far more personal experience than blinking our way through perfectly-timed flurries of artificial snow. We may doze a bit during the reading, but we'll do it with a comforting voice enfolding us, reassuring us by its gentle familiarity that all is well. We will not completely eschew radio and television, but we intend—for a number of reasons—to be highly selective. We don't want our children watching Santa being made a joke; peddling everything from automobile tires to beer. We're bored with the so-called "domestic" comedies in which the central situation involve the troubles an oafish but supposedly lovable father has in trying to impersonate Santa Claus. And while we like *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* (at least for the first eight times), we draw the line at the nasal imp who *Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus* and the sloe-eyed torch singer who closes her eyes and moans of *Santa Baby*. No, thank you very much.

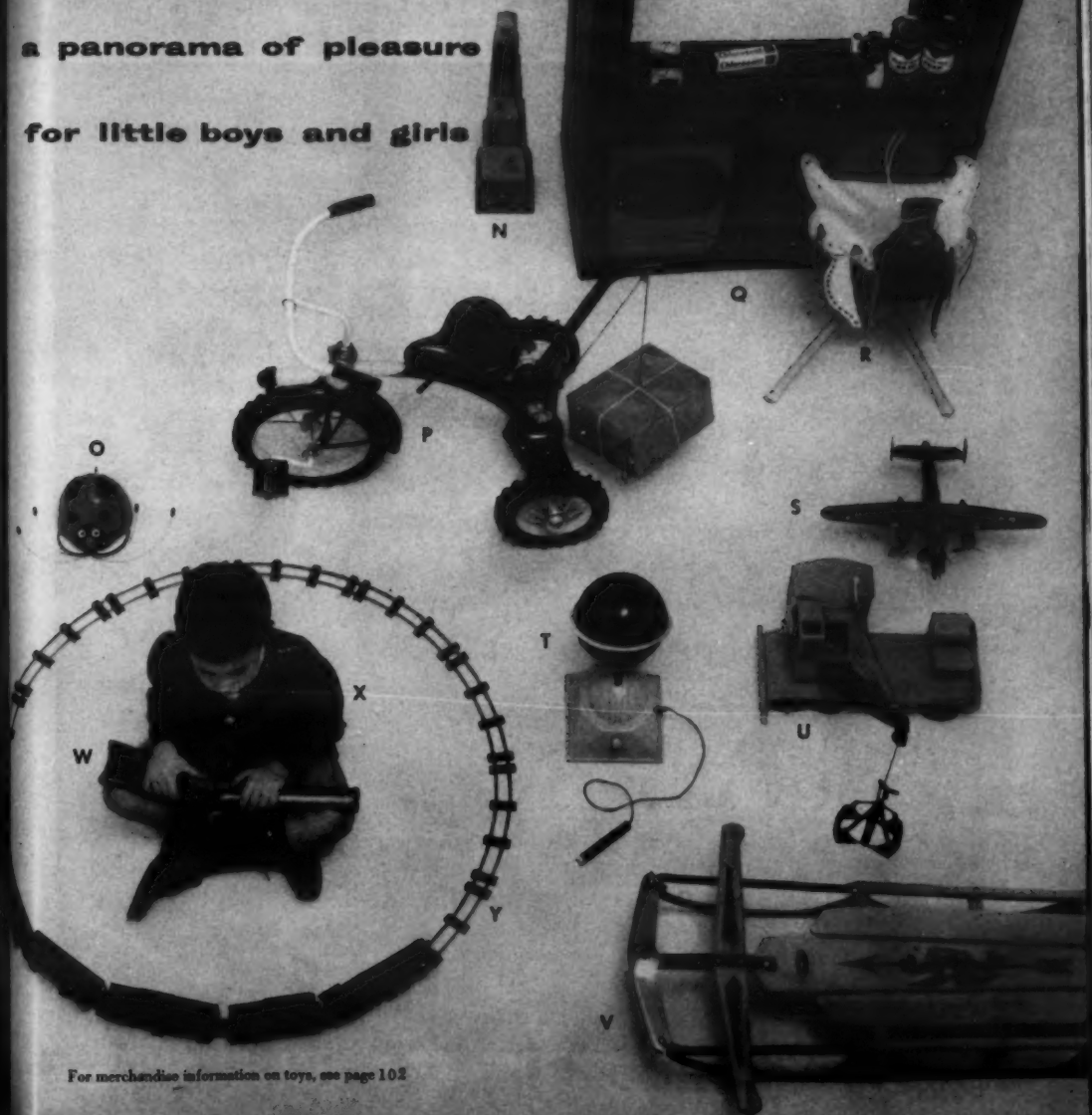
These are a few of the holiday attractions we'll turn our backs on without, we hope, feeling any particular loss. Our observance will be more amateur than professional, with our greatest pleasure derived from the warmth and wonder of the season reflected in the faces of a complete family circle. Most of all, we want to recall the spirit of the first family Christmas long ago. If we can do that, we will have given and received the one all-encompassing gift—love.



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How to pamper a home stepchild

With clever remodeling, a fallow attic comes alive



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In the current quest for space, we tend to overlook a national treasure: an estimated eleven million unfinished attics. In both postwar homes (where an upper floor of future expansion was built in) and in older homes (where they are usually a cross between a junk shop and the family reliquary), these slant-eaved areas lie ready and waiting to pull their weight in livability. Added to this fallow group are an incalculable number of other old homes with attics which have been finished into rooms and then simply neglected, wasteful dust-and-rubbish collectors, and in some cases fire hazards. In these pages we show how, when given due respect, a top floor can become a useful, safe and decorative member of a household. In a skillful adaptation of existing space, a generous double-bedded room and a colorful bath have literally given an old three-story house a new and productive lease on life.

Unused attic space can be remodeled economically in a number of ways. Here no structural changes were made (wall surfaces had previously been finished) and two large existing rooms relied largely on decoration for their transformation. This old-fashioned bedroom capitalized on the sloping roof: a pretty wallpaper field of multicolored pinks spans wall and ceiling. Upholstered pieces are by Shaw; wood pieces in maple-nut finish, T. Baumritter; carpet, a wool-rayon-nylon blend in shades of blue, by Firth. Bedroom decoration by B. Altman & Co., New York

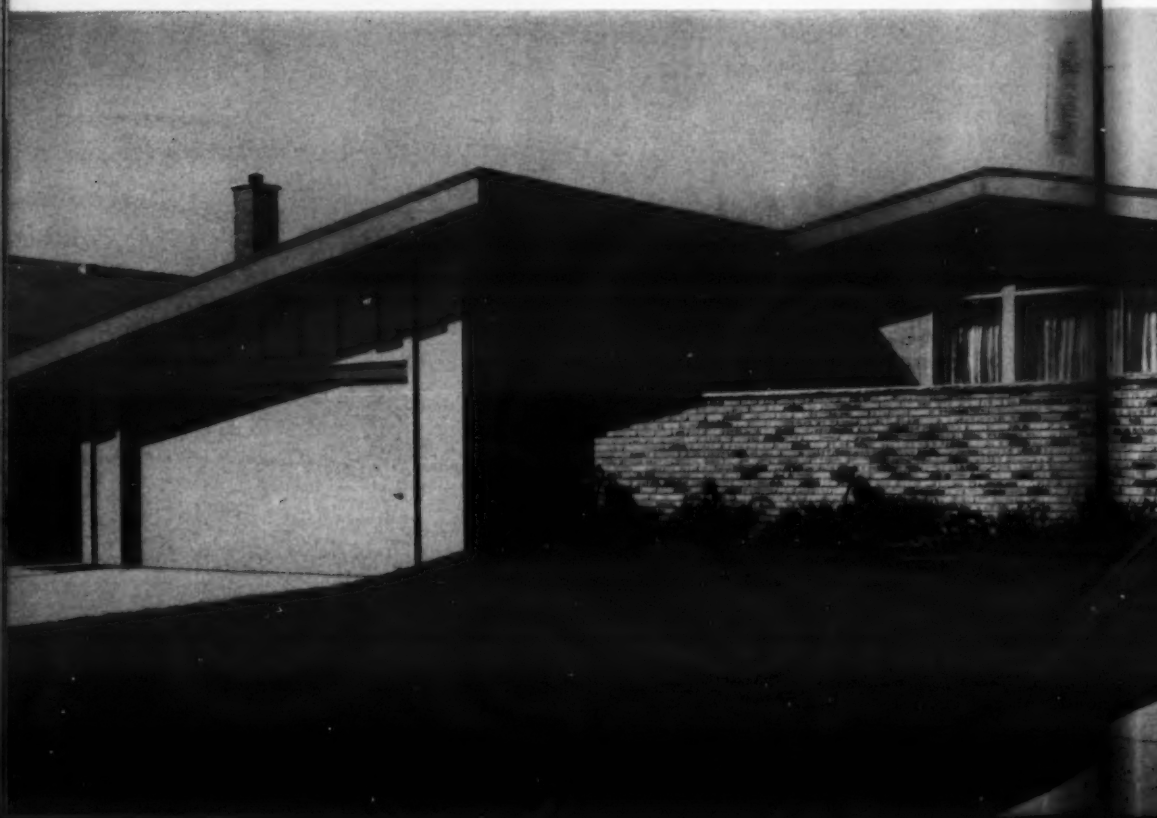
Fortunately, one of the rooms was located above a second-floor bathroom, and the remodeling plan made use of existing plumbing pipes and vent stack. In turning the space into a colorful bath for two youthful sailors, a twin lavatory was installed at the window ledge; above it, for an inventive touch, mirror was fitted into sections of the gable-end window. To complement the nautical theme, walls were painted a brilliant turquoise, while fixtures (Universal-Rundle) are in pale green. Flooring is a deep beige



One of the most productive trends in housing today is the willingness to experiment, to try new construction methods and materials as well as new applications or refinements of existing materials. Here is new and enlightening evidence of this trend: an experimental house designed to illustrate the versatile role of plywood for both structural and decorative use. Co-sponsored by United States Plywood Corporation and ourselves, and built by architect-builder, Harry J. Quinn, it is a four-level, split-level design with an impressive amount of space: 1,740 square feet of livable area plus 580 square feet of finished basement, in addition to an attached, two-car garage located at still another, a fifth level. The structure was designed expressly to be built on an inside lot, in this case one

which measures 65' x 125'. The house utilized the *Lu-Re-Co* modular panel system of construction developed by the Research Council of the Lumber Dealers Association and the University of Illinois: once the foundation was poured, the panelized structure was erected in one day. Because walls and ceilings are prefinished plywood, after the panels went up the house was complete except for interior detailing and the application of exterior siding. Throughout are new techniques for the use of plywood, among them the utilization of 1½-inch-thick, 4' x 8' plywood panels as roof decking supported four feet on center, the finished undersides serving as ceiling. The exposed supporting beams are prefabricated units of laminated wood. Throughout, too, the house dramatizes the warmth which the many and varied kinds of plywood lend to a home. Proving that plywood contributes not only to the aesthetic but also the practical side of livability, the prefinished interior surfaces are nearly upkeep-free. The house was documented on film through all stages of construction and will be made available to millions of viewers; it will also be open to the public in South Holland, Illinois, for approximately one year.

Designed as an experiment in livability



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 Builder.....PACESETTER HOMES, INC.
 Co-sponsor.UNITED STATES PLYWOOD CORP.
 Location.....16128 SOUTH DREXEL AVENUE,
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An attractive melding of wood, glass and masonry impresses the visitor at first sight of the house. The exterior, with the exception of the brick veneer trim, is Duraply, a plastic-coated plywood panel, paintable, highly weather-resistant. Vertical strips, applied for a board and batten effect, lend pattern to the patio (right), with Gallo wrought-iron furniture) on the street elevation, protected by a brick parapet. Plan indicates the distribution of space on four levels: the entry, living room and combination dining-kitchen on one, sleeping quarters of two bedrooms and a bath on a slightly higher level, with a similar sleeping area below on a third. At a fourth, still lower level are recreation room, laundry-workshop and utilities. Now, let's open the door (a Weldwood Stay-Strete birch flush door) and look inside

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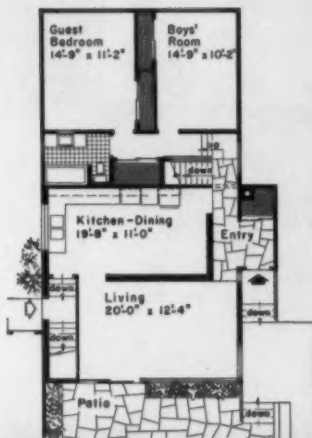


HOWELL WARD





Striking interplay of pattern and texture lends character and livability to the living room. The warm-hued, natural grain of the Weldwood pre-finished cherry wall paneling and the soft tone of the Surfwood-Duplex ceiling panels blend beautifully with the design of the Vineyard draperies—bold-patterned sheer batiste chosen for its translucency and "sparkle." The woods also contrast with the texture of the partial-height wall that separates the living from the dining and cooking functions. W. F. Whitney furniture; Kandell fabrics, Roxbury carpets, U. S. Rubber Star Liner rug cushion used throughout

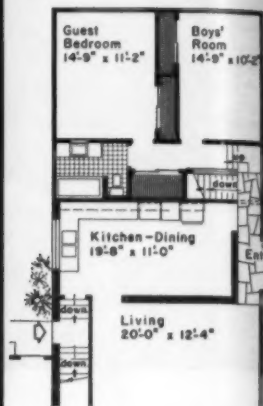


A unique feature of the house is architect Quinn's conception of a kitchen. He feels that people do not dine in the kitchen, but rather cook in the dining room. This combination space is decorated accordingly, to look like a dining room. The area is carpeted, with the exception of a narrow, L-shaped tile strip immediately in front of the cooking area proper. Westinghouse appliances and Elkay sink were built into base cabinets of walnut plywood which, like the cabinets, blend unobtrusively with the room's wood pieces and other decoration. Overhead lighting fixtures (by Moe Lighting) are supplemented at work areas by concealed fluorescent strips. Counters are Micarta Unifap, a seamless unit with backsplash, edge





For additional privacy and for proximity to the nursery, the master bedroom (top) was located on the lower floor of the sleeping wing. For variety's sake, three walls are paneled in oak plywood and the fourth in Weldwood Checkerboard. Floor-to-ceiling draperies pull across one wall, while translucent casement curtains cover the window area proper. (Here and throughout, glass [alousies form all operating sash.) In guest bedroom (below) on the upper sleeping level, birch Plankwood is a congenial background for cherry wood pieces (Statten Furniture). Air Foam mattresses, Radline foundations throughout by Englander



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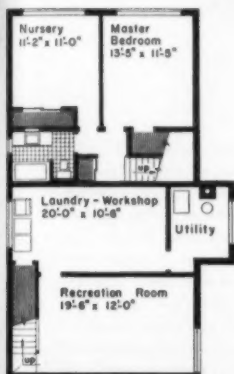
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This basement recreation area is home's "mud room," will take a lot of muss without showing it. Plywood walls require no more than occasional waxing; one (right) is Karina V-plank, stained to create an unusual striped effect in different colors; the other walls and stair well (leading from dining room and from outdoors) are paneled in prefinished Weldwood Samara. Unusual ceiling construction uses undersides of Dura-ply subflooring (painted), with supporting joists three feet on center. (Chairs and occasional tables by Statten; folding game table by Norquist Products.) A louvered Weldwood door (adjacent to understair storage door) leads to laundry-workshop; counter and sink over Westinghouse washer and dryer provide a convenient laundry work surface. Home workshop (located at the opposite side of the room) borrows a wall for storage of Mall power tools



POWELL WARD

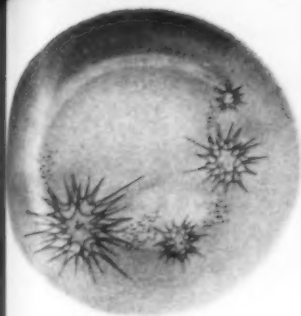




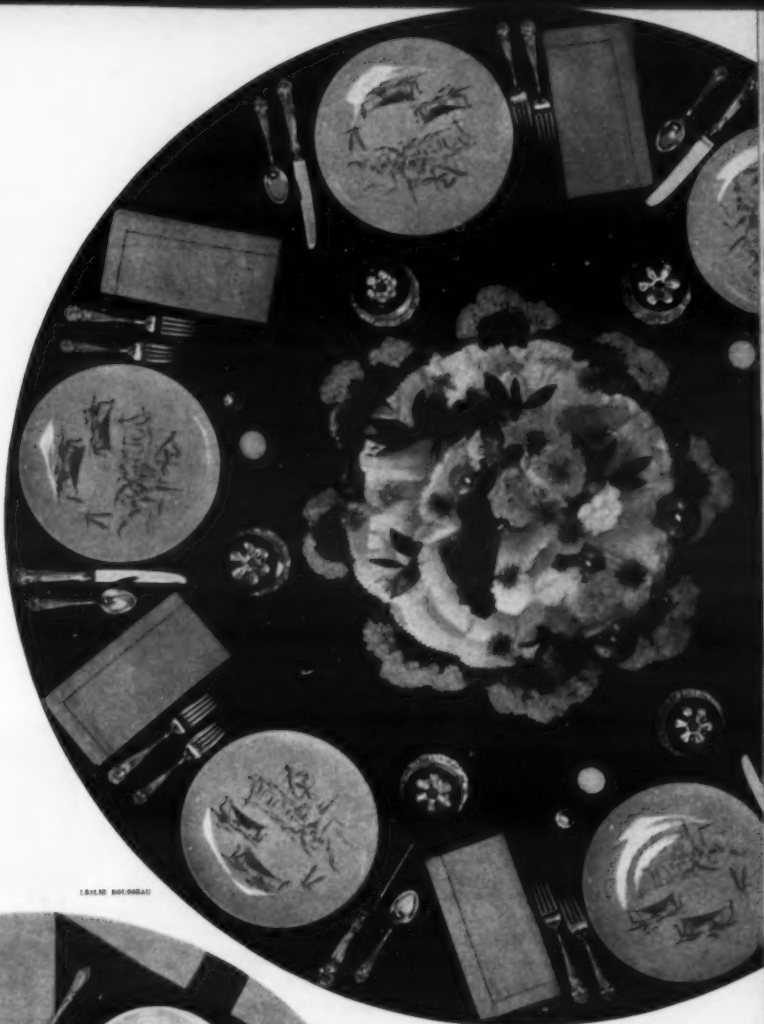
A fluted pedestal and a carved, classic base joined forces to form the support for the tri-topped table. The smallest top, surfaced in bright citron-yellow, seats four comfortably, and is permanently anchored in place. In circumference, 119 inches, it presents a broad enough expanse to support either of the two larger tops without danger of their tilting or slipping

There is an old motto (usually found carved into the mantels of very large houses) in which hospitality is extolled as being the glory of the home. And so it is, if you have room to be hospitable in. Hermits and misanthropes probably don't entertain very much, but the rest of us do, and unless we are blessed with plenty of space, any glorifying we engage in is apt to be via the bridge table rather than the groaning board. And so, as a Christmas gift to the frustrated hostess, we have devised a table capable of the well-known three-way stretch. If you have a home workshop, you can make it yourself; if not, drive a bargain with the best carpenter you know, and if you're clever at scavenging, the pedestal base will be no problem. Comb through your favorite junk shops (as we did) until you find a simple, good-looking base that refinishing will put back in style. The three table tops (which fit one into another and seat, respectively, four, six and twelve) are made of plywood, and are graduated in diameter from 38 to 54 to 72 inches. Each has a narrow-edge band; each is covered in *Formica*, and the two larger tops break in half for easy storage. (A closet, of course, is ideal, but if you have to, keep them under the bed.) So there you are, ladies: now put that clever husband to work.

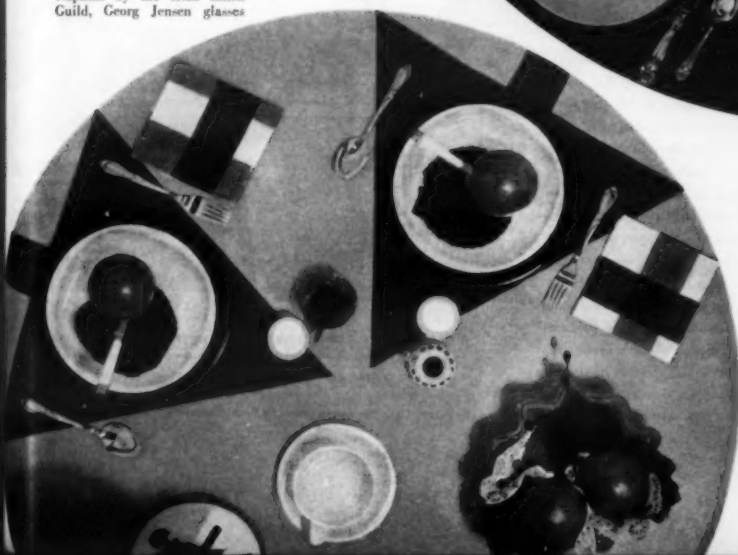
THREE-WAY STRETCH



Largest top, covered in a silvery color called *Antique Milano*, is set—at the moment—for a holiday buffet supper, and for the first time in its hostess' life, there is room to spare. *Stellar* china by Iroquois, *Achievement* silver-plate hollow ware and *Twilight* silver-plate flatware by Community. Napkins by the Irish Linen Guild, Georg Jensen glasses



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Black as ebony, the 54-inch top is a stunning background for Christmas dinner for six. There is a touch of the exotic in Royal Doulton's *Venetian Scenes* dinnerware; solid splendor in Towle's *Georgian* sterling flatware and, in the Val St. Lambert crystal, the promise of a fine wine that will vie with it in sparkle



Breakfast on the Great Day is strictly parental (the children are too busy with their new toys). Felt Christmas-tree place mats hold Boontonware's *Candescant Melmac* dinnerware, *Silver Rhapsody* flatware by International Sterling, and Carvel Hall filigree-handled fruit knives



A merry do-it-yourself Christmas

It's Christmas Eve and this pleased but slightly puzzled young couple are about to get the surprise of their newlywed lives. They'd passed the word around that what they wanted (what they desperately needed for their new home) was furniture, and that impressive pyramid of flat, compact Christmas packages hardly seemed to fill the bill. Opened, the packages divulged a whole roomful of Christmas: a cord-seat chair, double dresser, drop-leaf table and an upholstered chair and ottoman. Each was precut at the factory, shipped in knockdown form and ready for amateurs Barbara and Jim to assemble with ease. Knockdown furniture is certainly not news, but these pieces, like many on the market today, can no longer be considered as willing (but hardly first-rate) substitutes for finer pieces to be acquired at a later date: expertly machined, planed and sanded by the manufacturer, they have a sense of line and proportion in the best tradition of today's furniture design. And for our young newlyweds, they turned the day after Christmas into a merry field day as the whole house was converted into an efficient home assembly line.



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A double dresser doesn't seem a likely assemble-it-yourself candidate, but this one is. Complete with instructions, screws and glue, it comes in a pale ash wood that will take a finish in a variety of shades. Barbara and Jim managed to assemble it in one evening. By Show-Off, the dresser costs \$69.95 (complete finishing kit, \$2.89)



Chairs and ottomans fully upholstered at the factory mark a notable advance in knockdown furniture techniques. These, by Dixons, have prestained beechwood sections that lock together in an instant, and ready-made covers in a variety of fabrics, \$76 and \$32.50, respectively

Simple as a child's puzzle to assemble, this classic drop-leaf table in kit form is in solid cherry wood, ready to be stained or varnished, and measures 39" wide, 29½" high and, when open, 58" long. By Cherrycraft, the knockdown kit costs \$45



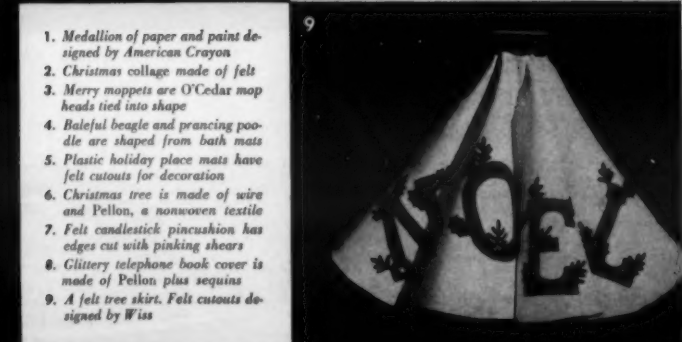
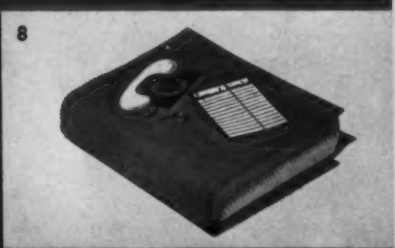
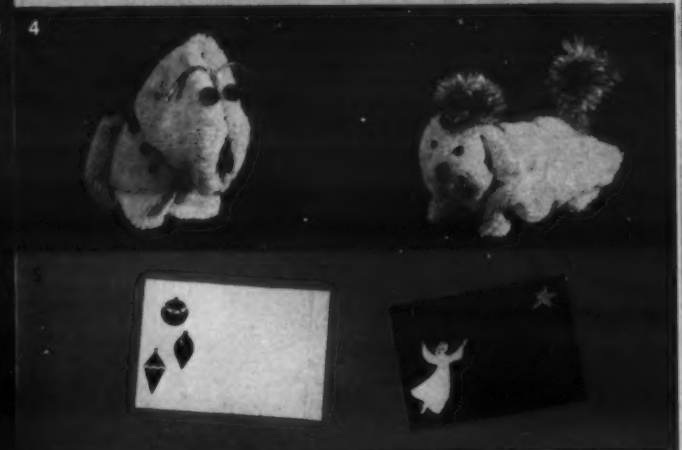
Their day-after-Christmas work cut out for them, Barbara and Jim put the finishing touches on their knockdown furniture, and up with a thoroughly professional-looking collection. Precut in delicate, graceful lines, the ladder-back chair (Hogerty Modern) has much of the simplicity of its eighteenth-century cousins, a touch of the contemporary Italian style. Seat material is washable, plastic-impregnated rope; the price of \$12.95 includes black enamel for dull luster finish



SHEAR WHIMSEY

All through the year, the plans for making next Christmas exciting lie dormant. Then suddenly before we know it, time has run out; Santa is at the chimney about to catch us flat-footed. To forestall this predicament, we suggest this galaxy of fanciful decorations—quick, easy and, above all, fun to make. They require only the ability to use shears, tie a bow, take a stitch, color with crayon and paint or grapple with glue—plus an imaginative Christmas spirit. Some of the decorations have the distinction of doubling as gifts; all of them not only give our whimsical bent free rein, but develop this pleasurable instinct in our children. Pampering their love of color, they let enthusiastic young cutups feel their oats at a time of year which is, after all, arranged for them (older cutups will enjoy them, too).

Directions for making gifts, opposite, see page 109



1. Medallion of paper and paint designed by American Crayon
2. Christmas collage made of felt
3. Merry moppets are O'Cedar mop heads tied into shape
4. Baleful beagle and prancing poodle are shaped from bath mats
5. Plastic holiday place mats have felt cutouts for decoration
6. Christmas tree is made of wire and Pellon, a nonwoven textile
7. Felt candlestick pincushion has edges cut with pinking shears
8. Glittery telephone book cover is made of Pellon plus sequins
9. A felt tree skirt. Felt cutouts designed by W.iss



Two ways to assuage a holiday sweet tooth

As our contribution to the tribute exacted by a holiday sweet tooth, we offer this month two recipes that, if they were Easter bonnets, would be called ravishing. One, a new approach to the traditional plum pudding, is described on page 91; the other, even more of a novelty (at least for this country), is a cake—a *Wiener Sacher torte*. Vienna, in its great days, boasted a celebrated restaurant owned and managed by a lady named Frau Sacher, an epicure with an enviable knowledge of food and an insatiable fondness for fine cigars, which she smoked constantly. Although Frau Sacher cared nothing for sweets, the *Wiener Sacher* is named in her honor, and as a dessert it is as illustrious as its namesake. In texture and flavor, it resembles a pound cake: it is rich, compact, smooth as velvet. It is baked, preferably, in a melon mold, then split, hollowed out, filled with a cream filling (we give you four variations), spread with apricot preserve and then coated with a rich chocolate glaze. The finished product—to use a somewhat mundane phrase—would knock your eye out, and if Frau Sacher could have brought herself to enjoy sweets, she might have learned, through this *torte*, the delight of a rich dessert.

Looking rather like a brown satin melon, the *Wiener Sacher* might well appear on the menu of such a restaurant as Lichow's (opposite) in New York City, served from Wedgwood's Partridge in a Pear Tree china, eaten with Reed & Barton's Tara sterling flatware. In addition to being a mouth-watering dessert for Christmas dinner, it can be the focal point of a Christmas Eve buffet, the mainstay of a between-holidays tea, and the perfect accompaniment to champagne for New Year's Eve toasting. A great deal of its glamour is due to the fine tools used to make it (right), which include, in addition to spoons and measures, a KitchenAid mixer, a Wear-Ever mixing bowl, and an Androck patterned four-cup flour sifter

WIENER SACHER TORTE

(If you have never made a cake in the conventional manner, first turn to page 106 for a short treatise on organization.) This recipe will make two 1-quart melon molds or one bread pan, 5x9x3 inches. Set oven at 350°F.

toasted bread crumbs, finely ground	grated rind of 1 orange
1 cup (2 sticks) butter	1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar	1 cup cornstarch
6 egg yolks	1½ teaspoons double-acting baking powder
1 tablespoon concentrated orange juice	½ teaspoon salt
	6 egg whites

- Grease melon mold and coat with bread crumbs. Tap bottom of inverted mold gently to remove excess crumbs.
- Cream butter until soft and shiny. Add sugar, a little at a time, beating constantly. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
- Beat in egg yolks, one at a time, blending thoroughly after the addition of each. (There may be a slight curdling effect, but this disappears as the other ingredients are added.)
- Add orange juice and rind and beat well.
- Sift flour and cornstarch twice and then measure each.
- Resift flour and cornstarch with baking powder and salt.
- Add sifted ingredients gradually, beating constantly. Beat for no more than 2 minutes. Batter will be light and creamy.
- Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry.
- Fold egg white into batter carefully; done best by hand.
- Pour batter into mold and bake in a preheated 350°F. oven for 45 to 50 minutes. To make certain the cake is sufficiently baked, run a toothpick into the center of the cake. If it comes out clean without any particles of dough sticking to it, the cake is completely baked. If dough sticks to the pick, place the cake back in the oven and test again in 5 minutes. We have found it sometimes takes an hour to bake this cake on very humid days. When cake is done, tester will come out clean and dry. Cake top will be well-browned and cracked and there will be no moistness. Cake will shrink slightly from sides of mold.
- Cool in mold for 5 minutes. Remove and place on wire rack to finish cooling. Bake other half. [Continued on the next page]

BEAT DOWN





Once the hollow for the filling is carved out, the cake should look rather like an avocado without its seed. Spoon the filling in until it is level with the sides, then clap the two halves together gently and anchor the top to the bottom with toothpicks.



The first glaze (apricots, sugar and water blended in an Osterizer) is painted on to "seal" the *tarte* and keep it fresh (above). The second, the chocolate glaze, is spooned on (below) and allowed to drip. The cake is then removed from rack to plate.

CHOCOLATE CREAM FILLING

2 teaspoons unflavored gelatin $\frac{1}{2}$ cup thin cream
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar $\frac{1}{2}$ package semisweet
 salt chocolate chips
 1 egg, separated $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon vanilla
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup heavy cream

- Combine gelatin with 2 tablespoons sugar and pinch of salt, in top of double boiler.
- Beat egg yolk and cream and add to gelatin mixture.
- Add chocolate pieces and cook over boiling water, stirring until chocolate is melted, then beat with rotary heater until chocolate is well-blended.
- Remove from heat and add $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon vanilla and chill until mixture begins to thicken.
- Beat egg white until stiff, beat in 2 tablespoons sugar and fold into chocolate-gelatin mixture.
- Whip heavy cream, fold into chocolate mixture and chill until thick but not firm. Fill the hollowed cake layers.

Variations:

MOCHA CREAM FILLING

- Add 2 tablespoons instant coffee and 1 tablespoon cocoa, omitting the chocolate pieces.

LEMON CREAM FILLING

- Omit chocolate pieces and vanilla and add 1 teaspoon lemon juice and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon grated lemon rind.

CHOCOLATE GLAZE

3 ounces semisweet chocolate 1 egg yolk, lightly beaten
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup confectioners' sugar 1 teaspoon powdered coffee
 boiling water 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 tablespoon butter

- Melt chocolate with sugar in top of double boiler.
- Add 3 or 4 tablespoons boiling water, stirring constantly. Blend thoroughly.
- Add egg yolk, powdered coffee and vanilla extract and beat.
- Let cool. When a skin forms on the mixture, add butter and beat. Mixture should be thin enough to pour. If not, add more hot water.

APRICOT SAUCE

$\frac{1}{4}$ pound dried apricots 1 cup water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar

- Soak apricots in water overnight.
- Add sugar to water and cook slowly until apricots are soft.
- Place mixture in electric blender and blend until smooth.
- Strain through fine sieve.
- Cool and dilute with a little water to spreading consistency.

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A yuletide dish to make a wish on:

Brazil-nut plum pudding

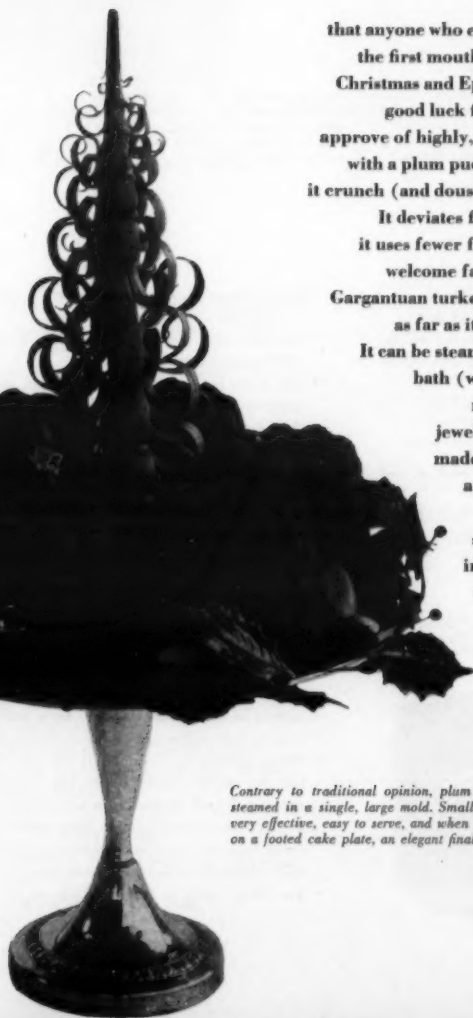
There is an old wives' superstition that anyone who eats a plum pudding and makes a wish (on the first mouthful!) on each of the twelve days between Christmas and Epiphany will be blessed with uncommonly good luck for the following year. It is a fancy that we approve of highly, and this year we intend to do our wishing with a plum pudding embellished with Brazil nuts to give it crunch (and doused in brandy for—shall we say—punch?).

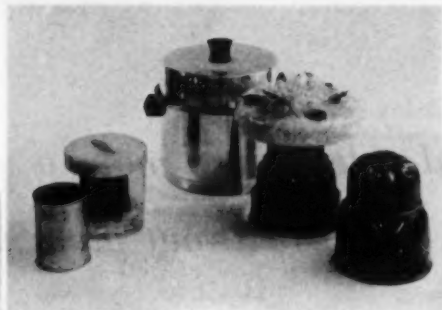
It deviates from the traditional English recipe in that it uses fewer fruits and is consequently less compact—a welcome factor, we think, after ploughing through a Gargantuan turkey dinner. It is fairly simple to make, and, as far as its ingredients are concerned, inexpensive.

It can be steamed in practically anything short of a foot bath (we'll show you a few variations) and, when made in small molds and wrapped like the jewel that it is, it becomes a delectable "home-made" gift. It keeps well, and can be prepared a week or two before Christmas and stored away in a cool place. English housewives start their puddings on the fourth Sunday in Advent—a red-letter day called "Stir-Up Sunday," but whatever the day you select to "stir up," rest assured that it will be dedicated to a noble effort. And now, turn the page: it's recipe time.

Contrary to traditional opinion, plum pudding need not be steamed in a single, large mold. Small, individual molds are very effective, easy to serve, and when decked out and blazoned on a footed cake plate, an elegant finale to the day's feasting

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Sporting a "bejeweled" paper pompon like a little tree, the pudding on the left was steamed in a Gilbert electric Dutch oven. Above, a West Bend baby-bottle sterilizer did the trick, and the delicacy is "wrapped" in a plastic container of Tri-State-Ware. The puddings on the right began in a Presto pressure cooker and ended in a hatbox covered in brown paper and crowned, appropriately, with a wreath of Brazil nuts

BRAZIL-NUT PLUM PUDDING

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup ground suet
$1\frac{3}{4}$ cups seedless raisins	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup dry bread crumbs
$\frac{1}{3}$ cup diced citron	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sifted all-purpose flour
1 apple, peeled and chopped	1 teaspoon baking powder
1 tablespoon grated orange rind	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon soda
2 eggs, slightly beaten	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
1 cup unsulphured molasses	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon each salt and cinnamon
1 cup chopped Brazil nuts	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon each allspice and ground cloves

A fine (if unorthodox) steaming trio: at left and right, a Wear-Ever food blancher and stock pot; at center, a Vollrath stainless-steel, lidded bucket



- Pour orange juice over raisins, citron, apple and orange rind and let set for 1 hour.
- Combine eggs and molasses; stir in Brazil nuts, suet and bread crumbs.
- Sift flour, baking powder, soda, sugar, salt and spices together and add to pudding. Blend well.
- Add fruit and mix thoroughly. Turn into greased 2-quart pudding mold or casserole and cover with aluminum foil.
- Place on rack in deep kettle; pour in boiling water to half the depth of the mold. Cover, steam for 5 hours. Add more boiling water during steaming if necessary.
- Steam individual molds containing more than a cup of batter for about 2 hours. Molds containing less than a cup of batter should be steamed for about 1 hour.
- Follow manufacturers' directions if a pressure cooker or saucepan is used. A good general rule to observe is to allow $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of space between molds and cooker. Cook about 30 minutes without pressure and approximately an hour under pressure for a pudding the size of a 1-pound coffee can or 1-quart casserole.
- When pudding has steamed, it will feel sticky on top, but the center should be slightly rounded and feel compact. It may be placed in a warm oven, 300° F., to dry out for a few minutes. Then remove it from the mold, cool and wrap in aluminum foil or Saran Wrap and refrigerate or keep in a cool place.
- To reheat: wrap in foil and bake at 325° F. for one

MUST MIX



Varying in size from a casserole (wrapped in a pudding bag and sprouting a gumdrop tree) to a custard cup, the containers at left are all excellent Pyrex molds. At center, wearing a gold-foil sunburst, an Ekco stainless-steel refrigerator set; a Presto electric deep-fry cooker and Wear-Ever Jack-Frosters. Right, a melon mold, a Hallite sauce pot, and a pudding protected by Saran Wrap and disguised as a hat

- hour, or you can reheat in double boiler for one hour.
- To blaze: Heat brandy until lukewarm, pour it over and around pudding.
(For additional information on steaming, containers and molds, see page 105.)

SAUCES FOR BRAZIL-NUT PLUM PUDDING

Steamed puddings are always served piping hot, and there are a variety of pudding sauces that complement them. We favor the hard sauce as it is the traditional sauce for plum pudding, and it lends itself to interesting flavor, shape and serving suggestions.

BASIC RECIPE FOR HARD SAUCE

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter	1 teaspoon flavoring extract
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar	or 1 tablespoon liqueur (brandy, rum or curaçao)
$\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt	

- Place butter in a small bowl and cream at high speed with electric mixer.
- Add sugar gradually, then salt and flavoring.
- Whip until sauce is very creamy, scraping the sides of the bowl during beating.
- Chill the sauce.

VARIATIONS

- Use 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar instead of confectioners' sugar.
- Add 1 egg yolk for rich, creamy color.

- Use 2 teaspoons finely grated orange rind instead of flavoring extract or liqueur.
- Spread hard sauce on cookie sheet or tray to $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch thickness and cut into interesting and variable shapes with cookie cutter.
- After chilling sauce, form it into balls, using about 1 tablespoon for each ball. Roll balls in chopped pecans or walnuts and freeze. After balls are solid, pack in plastic bags.
- Pack hard sauce into pretty molds and harden. Remove from mold and serve on crystal or silver plate, decorated with holly and candied cherries.

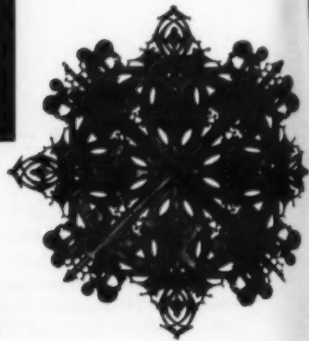
The lowly can comes into its own at plum-pudding time and does yeoman service as a mold. Sizes are good, and shapes can be as varied as your staples





Master scavenger Edgar Tafel (holding a wood carving) regales a group of staffers in the living room of his trophy-filled apartment. Below is his most precious find: a bronze plaque designed by famed architect Louis Sullivan, which once graced the elevators of a Chicago department store. When Edgar Tafel heard the elevators were being changed, he and a group of architects rushed to rescue these ornaments. This one, once coveted by former teacher, Frank Lloyd Wright, hangs prominently in Edgar's office

Scavenger hunt for Christmas



This year for their annual giving, our editors took a cue from the ancient and respected art of scavenging. Intrigued by reports of a handsome collection of objects scavenged by architect Edgar Tafel, A.I.A., we visited him to see for ourselves. Mr. Tafel, one of the most talented young architects in the country, has, along with his wife Lucille, remodeled a hundred-year-old home in Greenwich Village and into its decoration (an astonishing, impressively beautiful blend of styles) has incorporated sections of carved wood, weathered newel posts, and fragments from the ornately designed façades of demolished buildings. The way the Tafels have used these objects, the sense of importance imparted to them, immediately fired our imaginations. Suddenly we were aware that, as buildings a hundred, fifty, even twenty-five years old come tumbling down in cities all over the country to make way for streamlined structures, a facet of our civilization is being lost in as real a sense as any of the classical era. For example,

in New York City where an unprecedented amount of demolition and new construction is now in progress, delightful stone carvings and terra-cotta motifs—produced in a never-to-return age of inexpensive skilled labor—are being reduced to rubble and hauled off as fill. All are relics of a bygone American age and all are available for the taking (with permission of the demolition squad who fear only for the safety of the scavengers). In one short visit, we saw our surroundings in a new light and, initiated into the mysterious practices of scavenging by Edgar Tafel, acquired a fascinating new hobby. Editors became a familiar sight at demolished buildings, peering into the rubble. Alerted to a new source of potential treasure, one editor salvaged a handsome iron newel post from a house near his which was earmarked for destruction; another, during a weekend in the country, came across a rooster weather vane in the barnyard of an abandoned farm. These and other finds became the unusual gifts you'll see on pages 96-97.



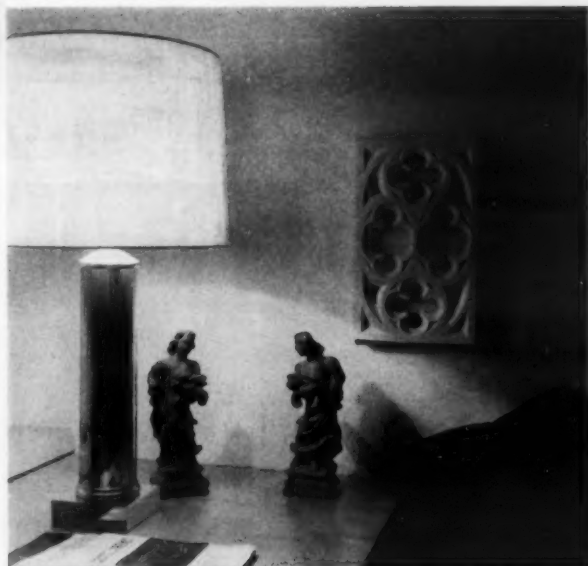
After our visit, we piled into the Tafel station wagon and were driven to demolitions in the neighborhood. At the first, Edgar Tafel's practiced eyes spotted something interesting in the debris and he hauled it off in a flash (above). It turned out to be a terra-cotta ornament in a leaf design which the Tafels immediately "planted" in their little garden (right)



BLUT OWEN



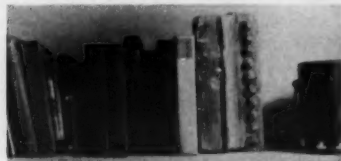
Weathered newel post of wood, surrounded by a bed of ivy, has a curious oriental quality in the garden. Edgar Tafel found this post and one below when remodeling a New England barn



Not long ago, the Tafels took crowbar in hand, went around the corner to the Mark Twain house and rescued some thirty pieces of woodwork. An unusual quatrefoil design, most of them were arranged in a long, narrow panel at their beach house. Another (part of which Edgar is holding on opposite page) was framed and mounted as a wall plaque



A remnant of the high Victorian Gothic period, this piece of wood sculpture is an arresting ornament on a corner table. Its surface was merely waxed, the texture providing an interesting contrast to brick wall



Cornice fragment of terra cotta with its rough surface and earth color makes an unusual and secure book end. The adjacent object is a Chinese bronze, evidence of Edgar Tafel's numerous collections



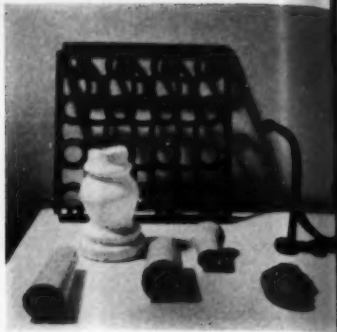
Stone pilaster capital is examined at wrecking site for suitability as a coffee-table base. Copywriter George O'Brien finally abandoned it as too heavy to carry home



Odds and ends of furniture were studied by managing editor Bill Hague at Richardson & Dutt, a Third Avenue lumberyard. Wrecking yards are also a treasure trove



Picking her way gingerly through rubble, Jean Spiro of Reader Service learned quickly that low heels are a must for scavenger operations. Demolition crews urged utmost care

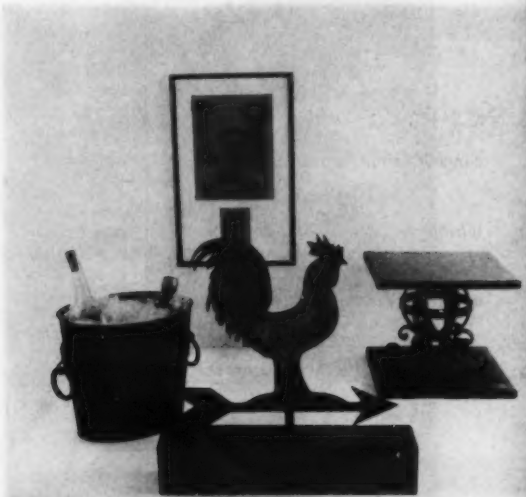
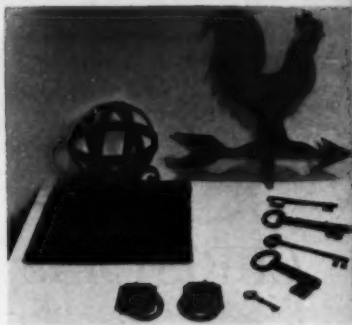


For eligibility in our holiday scavenger hunt, editors could pay no more than one dollar for an object, one more to make it into a gift. In most cases objects were "found." Here is part of the loot



Ionic capital plus a disc with egg and dart trim and solid wood column were fashioned into handsome, sturdy table (opposite). All were painted white, then column was painted to appear like fluting. Circular top of white laminate was added

Grouped objects, before and after, show that scavengers' quarry can be both useful and attractive. Group opposite includes an iron grate, with addition of black paint and corks, made into an outsize trivet for a meat platter (below). Broken lavatory leg was mended, wired, mounted on a painted coffee can and equipped with a dime-store lamp shade. Large, iron barn hook made a stylish towel rack, while ancient marble medallion (it cost 25c) was mounted on plywood for a plaque. Remaining object in the group, now a lacquered planter with gold-painted wood ornament was once the transmitter cover in a jet plane. Weather-vane rooster (right), with a venerable patina, was merely mounted on an oblong block of beautifully grained wood. Black iron newel post, cleaned and given a top, is now a low bedside table. Old iron harness rings were bolted to a metal wastepaper basket, painted black to make a wine cooler. Arranged in an interesting pattern, a collection of ancient keys, mounted on heavy colored board, matted and framed, became an unusual picture



Old, massive pine leg of 1840 vintage was found in a barn. Inverted and topped with a circle of plywood (covered in marbelized paper), it made a well-scaled bedside table. Mahogany base was merely waxed, provided with a felt bottom



WHAT'S YOUR CHRISTMAS I.Q.?

*Since it's time for fun and games,
here's a quiz to determine
which well-read member of the
family knows the most
about Christmas. Check your
answers with those
on page 104. They're correct*

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

1. The first Christmas carol was sung by the angels at Christ's birth. TRUE... FALSE...
2. The word carol comes from the name of an early Christian martyr. TRUE... FALSE...
3. In France, carols are called chansons. TRUE... FALSE...
4. *Silent Night* (perhaps the most famous Christmas carol) was written by Carrie Jacobs Bond. TRUE... FALSE...
5. A carol is composed in the same manner as a hymn. TRUE... FALSE...
6. The Christmas carol was first made popular by St. Francis of Assisi. TRUE... FALSE...
7. Waits are Belgian carol singers. TRUE... FALSE...
8. The music for *O Come All Ye Faithful* is usually called the Portuguese hymn. TRUE... FALSE...

DICKENS' CHRISTMAS CAROL

1. Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* was first published in 1860. TRUE... FALSE...
2. Bob Cratchit was a clerk to Scrooge. TRUE... FALSE...
3. Scrooge's first name was Edwin. TRUE... FALSE...
4. Marley was a former partner of Scrooge. TRUE... FALSE...
5. Tiny Tim was Bob Cratchit's oldest son. TRUE... FALSE...
6. Tiny Tim's final remark in the story is "God bless all of us." TRUE... FALSE...
7. Five Christmas spirits visited Scrooge. TRUE... FALSE...
8. The turkey Scrooge ordered for the Cratchits was the same size as Tiny Tim. TRUE... FALSE...
9. Scrooge discharged Bob Cratchit after Christmas. TRUE... FALSE...
10. Orson Welles was a famous portrayer of Scrooge on the radio. TRUE... FALSE...

THE THREE WISE MEN OR KINGS

1. The three wise men were named Melchior, Caspar and Balthasar. TRUE... FALSE...
2. Balthasar, King of Ethiopia, came bearing gold. TRUE... FALSE...
3. The Magi, which the three wise men are often called, were actually a tribe of people. TRUE... FALSE...
4. The word magic is derived from Magi. TRUE... FALSE...
5. It is believed that the wise men visited the Christ child on January 6th. TRUE... FALSE...
6. When the kings returned to their native lands, they retired to monasteries. TRUE... FALSE...
7. The youngest of the kings was Melchior. TRUE... FALSE...
8. Mary presented the kings with silver thimbles. TRUE... FALSE...
9. The three kings are believed to have the power of preventing accidents. TRUE... FALSE...
10. In Spain, the wise men—instead of Santa Claus—bring gifts to children. TRUE... FALSE...

CHRISTMAS FOOD

1. Turkey is traditionally enjoyed by Norwegians at Christmas. TRUE... FALSE...
2. Pfefferküsse, the name of a German Christmas cookie is translated as pepper mice. TRUE... FALSE...
3. Fruchtbrot, served in Austria at Christmas, is a soup. TRUE... FALSE...
4. In Argentina, the most popular dish served on Christmas Day is *arroz con pollo*. TRUE... FALSE...
5. The first course of a typical Danish Christmas dinner is rice with one almond hidden in it. TRUE... FALSE...
6. Mince pie was originally called mutton pie or shredded pie. TRUE... FALSE...
7. The only European country where turkey is usually served on Christmas Day is France. TRUE... FALSE...
8. Plum pudding is composed entirely of plums. TRUE... FALSE...
9. Wassail is a special wine made in England. TRUE... FALSE...

SANTA CLAUS

1. Santa Claus is the American version of St. Nicholas. TRUE... FALSE...
2. It is said that St. Nicholas was born in Asia Minor. TRUE... FALSE...
3. In Europe, December 6th (St. Nicholas' birthday) is a day of gift-giving. TRUE... FALSE...
4. The traditional stocking hung at the fireplace has something to do with St. Nicholas dropping a bag of gold down the chimney. TRUE... FALSE...
5. *The Visit of St. Nicholas*, popularly known as *The Night Before Christmas*, was written by Emily Dickenson. TRUE... FALSE...
6. In Brazil, St. Nicholas is known as Santa Nicolai. TRUE... FALSE...
7. Since the time of Martin Luther, St. Nicholas has been replaced by Kris Kringle as the spirit of Christmas. TRUE... FALSE...
8. In Norway, *Jule-nissen*—a Christmas symbol—is actually a cat. TRUE... FALSE...
9. The Swedish variation of *Jule-nissen* is called *Tomte*. TRUE... FALSE...



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Big ideas can come in small packages

[Continued from page 52]

1. Distinctive gift wrap is made of rough-textured wall-paper adorned with Christmas sentiments and tied with a wide felt ribbon.
2. Small-patterned wallpaper tied with a felt ribbon and bedecked with glittery stars makes a pretty gift wrap.
3. Handkerchief or hosiery folio, made of heavy wall-paper decorated with Chinese characters and secured with a fabric frog, is actually a gift within a gift. The container can be used to protect handkerchiefs and hosiery from dust, jammed drawer space.
4. Tissue paper with snowflakes stenciled on it, has sequins pasted in the center of each snowflake.
5. Two cutout angels are placed on top of a gift wrapped in tissue paper and then tied with gold string.
6. A gala gift is covered with glossy paper and bound with lace edging and ribbons.
7. Tie-box wrapped in gold paper is decorated with a wide grosgrain ribbon ending in an angel head affixed to a brilliant sunburst.
8. Plain white wrapping paper is decorated with a snowflake stencil design and topped with a cutout felt snowflake.
9. Boxed gift is covered with glossy paper and decorated with a cutout of a girl's head and shoulders. Hair is braided tissue paper, eyes are buttons.



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10. The Japanese rice-paper effect of this gift wrapping was achieved by placing leaves on plain white paper and then splatterdashing the whole with black paint. When dry, the leaves were removed and their outlines were accented with rhinestones. Heavy drapery cord, a gold leaf and gold ornaments complete the gift wrap



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11. The surprised-looking owl is made of a hand towel rolled and pinned in shape. A washcloth pinned across the back forms the arms. Eyes are jeweled buttons pinned to felt cutouts. Wreath is a spray of artificial millinery flowers



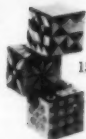
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12. Dachshund has a rolled bath towel for a body, a shaped hand towel for a head, and rolled washcloths for legs. Tail is ribbon wound around wire and topped with an icicle. Eyes are gold buttons



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13. Decorative angel is a wooden spoon placed in a velvet-covered cardboard cone. A face was painted on the spoon and the angel was decorated with gold paper and tinsel



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14. Sparkling ball is made of little ornaments and artificial flowers stuck in a round of styrofoam with the aid of hobby pins



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15. Brightly colored square cardboard ornaments are made by Norse Craft



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16, 17, 18. Festive Christmas cards by Hallmark will double as ornaments

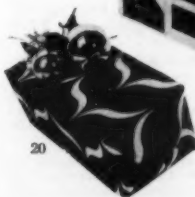


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19. Gift is wrapped in plain white tissue paper. Houses drawn on bright-colored paper were cut out and glued to wrapping

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20. A gift wrapping that is a gift itself is a holly printed cotton crash tablecloth. Decorations are a sprig of artificial holly and glass ornaments. Glass Christmas-tree ornaments used throughout the issue are by Corning Glass Works



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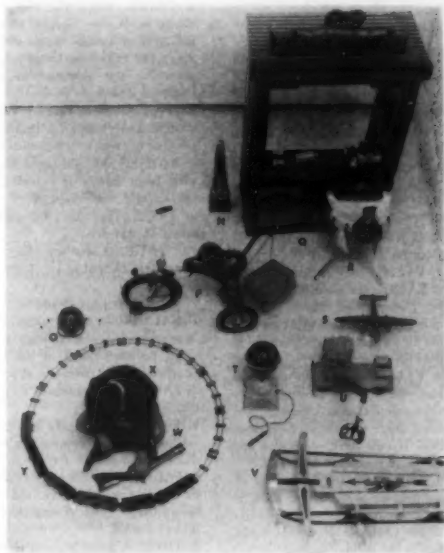
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Toys, toys, toys [Continued from page 73]



DUKE OWEN

- A. Authentic reproduction of early American bed has its own mattress, canopy and spread. Hall's Lifetime Toys, \$24.95
- B. Two vinyl dolls—the *TV Tots*—come in a TV package with a removable bench. By Horsman Dolls; \$9.95 for the pair
- C. Easily converted to a doll swing or car seat, *Triple Play* doll stroller has a detachable canopy. Playtime Products, \$8.95
- D. Pretty party dress for a young Miss is made of provincial polished cotton with rickrack trimming. From Moppets, \$8.00
- E. Folding doll coach, covered in green vinyl, has a lift-out body that converts into a bassinet. Playtime Products, \$12.95
- F. A junior cook would be delighted with a *Py-O-My* icebox pie mix. No baking; just mix and refrigerate. Transogram, \$1.98
- G. A friendly, elongated dachshund with realistic eyes and a body of plush and multicolored striped corduroy is \$9.00. Gund
- H. Everything for dolly care is included in the *Doll-E-Layette*. Basket has hinged lid and metal handles. Amco Toys, \$3.98
- I. Constructed of reinforced Masonite, jumbo dominos (28), \$6.95
- J. Dressed in a fine pin-dotted organdy dress, *Kathy* is a doll that would beguile any little girl. Alexander Doll, \$15.95
- K. A miniature sewing machine, the *Plaff Princess* has a protective sewing foot, keeps fingers out of needle's reach, \$14.95
- L. Service for four *Georgian Ware* tea set includes plates, cups, saucers, creamer and sugar, teapot, silver. Ideal Toy, \$5.00
- M. Equipped with a full ball-bearing *Dyno-Chain* drive that has a realistic motor tone shift, the *Country Squire* car is 39 inches long. Murray Ohio Manufacturing, approximately \$29.95



- N. Unbreakable polyethylene *Build-up Blocks* are decorated with famous Walt Disney characters. Stand 26" high. Eldon, \$1.98
- O. Powered by flashlight batteries, the *Brainy Bug* turns every which way to free itself from obstacles in its path. Toy has a service policy guarantee. General Molds & Plastics, \$5.00
- P. Rear towing arm of the *Junior Tow Trike* is an added asset to this sturdy tricycle. American Machine and Foundry, \$17.98
- Q. Over five feet high, the *Campbell Kid Deluxe Super Market* is made of reinforced fiberboard. Toy Master Products, \$3.98
- R. Sure to delight a young cowboy, the *Roy Rogers TV Saddle Seat* is in white and suntan leather. Haskell-Benson, \$10.95
- S. Scale model bomber comes in a construction kit that includes mounting stand and instructions. From Aurora Plastics, \$2.59
- T. Easy to operate, the electric *New Spitz Jr. Planetarium* projects constellations on walls, ceilings. Harmonic Reed, \$14.95
- U. Housing of the scale model *Michigan Shorel* pivots on the chassis just like the McCoy. Ny-Lint Tool & Mfg., \$9.95
- V. Smartly streamlined, the *Airline Pilot* is a small racing sled with an automotive-type bumper. From Flexible Flyer, \$11.35
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What's your Christmas I.Q.?

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ANSWERS

Christmas Music

1. **TRUE.** *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*
2. **FALSE.** The origin of the word is obscure. Some think it came from the Latin word meaning to dance in a ring while singing; others think it is derived from the Greek word for flute player.
3. **FALSE.** They are called noëls.
4. **FALSE.** The words were written by Father Josef Mohr and the music was composed by Franz Gruber in Arnsdorf near Salzburg in the eighteenth century.
5. **FALSE.** Carols, for the most part, are simple folk songs of obscure origin that have been handed down from generation to generation. Hymns have composers and are more elaborate musically.
6. **TRUE.** For his celebration of the Nativity in Greccio in 1224, he led his followers in songs of praise to the Christ child—jovial songs, new to the holiday season.
7. **FALSE.** Waits are strolling bands of minstrels or troupes of children who go from door to door in England singing carols or waits, as they are sometimes called.
8. **TRUE.** The music is variously credited to Vincent Novello and Marco Portogallo, the chapel master to the King of Portugal.

Dickens' Christmas Carol

1. **FALSE.** It was first published in 1843.
2. **TRUE.**
3. **FALSE.** His name was Ebenezer.
4. **TRUE.**
5. **FALSE.** He was the youngest.
6. **FALSE.** It was "God bless us, every one!"
7. **FALSE.** Three; they were the ghosts of Christmas past, present and yet to come.
8. **FALSE.** It was twice as big as Tiny Tim.
9. **FALSE.** He raised his salary.
10. **FALSE.** It was the late actor, Lionel Barrymore.

The Three Wise Men Or Kings

1. **TRUE.**
2. **FALSE.** He came bearing frankincense, not gold.
3. **FALSE.** The Magi were a sect of priests among the ancient Medes and Persians.
4. **TRUE.** The Magi were celebrated for their enchantments.
5. **TRUE.** They appeared on January 6th, called Twelfth Night or,

as designated by the church, the Feast of the Epiphany.

6. **FALSE.** When the kings returned home, they decided to distribute their worldly goods among the poor, and then to go about preaching the doctrine of the Prince of Peace.
7. **FALSE.** The youngest was thought to be Caspar, a beardless youth of twenty.
8. **FALSE.** She presented them with linen bands in which the Christ child was wrapped.
9. **TRUE.** They are the patron saints of travelers.
10. **TRUE.** Christmas Day is Kings' Day in Spain.

Christmas Food

1. **FALSE.** Instead of turkey, the Norwegians have Christmas porridge, codfish soaked in lye and poached in milk, roast ribs of pork.
2. **FALSE.** It is translated as gingerbread nuts.
3. **FALSE.** It is a cake made of raisins, currants, chopped figs and dates, served hot.
4. **FALSE.** The most popular dish is *niños envueltos* (children wrapped up) which is steak rolled up and stuffed.
5. **TRUE.** A prize is given to the one who finds the almond.
6. **TRUE.**
7. **TRUE.**
8. **FALSE.** There are no plums at all in plum pudding.
9. **FALSE.** Wassail comes from the Saxon greeting *Waes hael*, which means "Here's to you."

Santa Claus

1. **TRUE.** To the early Dutch settlers the bestower of gifts at Christmas was Santa Nikalaus—later shortened to Santa Klaus, then changed to Santa Claus.
2. **TRUE.** The life of St. Nicholas is surrounded with fiction rather than fact, but legend has him born in Patara, an ancient city of Lycia in Asia Minor.
3. **TRUE.** In this country, St. Nicholas gave up his own day and took over December 25th, Jesus Christ's birthday.
4. **TRUE.** According to legend, St. Nicholas often bestowed dowries on poor maidens, and one maiden, expecting a bag of gold to be dropped down the chimney, hung a stocking in the fireplace to catch it.
5. **FALSE.** *The Visit of St. Nicholas* was written by Dr. Clement Moore, a Professor of Divinity at the New York Theological Seminary, in December, 1822.
6. **FALSE.** St. Nicholas is known as São Nicolau or Papae Noël (Father Christmas).
7. **TRUE.** Luther felt that the true

concept of Christmas was becoming obscured, so Nicholas was replaced by *Christkind*—later modified to Kris Kringle. He is not the Infant Jesus, but his messenger who comes to earth to spread joy at Christmastime.

8. FALSE. *Jule-nissen* is an elf who protects the family all through the year and is specially treated at Christmastime.

9. TRUE. *Tomte* is a miniature of the good St. Nicholas and keeps watch throughout the year over the house and cattle.

A dish to make a wish on

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HOW TO STEAM

Cooking by steam is defined as cooking in steam with or without pressure. The steam may be applied directly to the food, as in a steamer or pressure cooker. We have used the electric deep-fat fryer, Dutch ovens with trivets, bottle sterilizers, wash boilers, buckets with tight-fitting lids, double boilers, pressure saucepans and cookers, food blanchers and hotel and restaurant kettles. The important thing to remember is the steam should not escape and should remain constant. The steamer should be fitted with a rack or trivet to lift the pudding off the bottom and facilitate complete circulation of steam. We used the trivet in the Gilbert cooker and *Presto* pressure saucepan, the fryer basket in the deep-fat fryer and a small cake rack in the hotel kettle. To prevent the metal from darkening, we added $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of cream of tartar to the steamer water. A tablespoon of vinegar may be used instead. Pressure cookers and saucepans reduce the time required for steaming considerably. So do individual molds or slender tin cans. The larger the pudding—the longer the steaming time. The process should be started on high heat until steam forms, then reduced to low.

WHAT TO STEAM IN

Molds should be generously greased and sprinkled with sugar and filled about two-thirds full. The mold should be covered with wax paper or aluminum foil during steaming to prevent the condensed steam from dripping back on to the top of the pudding. The following containers may be used:

Pudding molds if you have them—either individual or large ones. Tin cans—many sizes are available and produce a cylindrical pudding which is easy to serve.

Music for living

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The Banjo, the pianist Eugene List presents a group of *Creole Ballads*, *Cuban Dances*, *Negro Songs*, and *Caprices*, by the nineteenth-century American pianist and composer, Louis Moreau Gottschalk. Born in New Orleans in 1829, Gottschalk was the first American-born artist to become internationally famous as a pianist and composer. He was acclaimed by Berlioz, with whom he studied, and by Chopin who said of him, "My child, I predict that you will become the king of pianists." Gottschalk's compositions were among the first to use the folk melodies that were indigenous to America.

POPULAR TASTES

Messin' 'Round in Montmartre is the title of an uninhibited jazz disc issued by Storyville Records. Mary Lou Williams and Buck Clayton are featured.

Just in case you didn't know it, two of the most popular musical comedies of the year are represented on discs. They are *My Fair Lady*, based on George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*, and *The Most Happy Fella*, which was based on Sidney Howard's *They Knew What They Wanted*. Columbia has issued both albums with the original casts of the Broadway productions. *The Most Happy Fella* presents the complete performance on three exciting discs.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The famous actor, Basil Rathbone, is featured on a new Westminster disc called *The Christmas Story*. As the story is told, it is illustrated musically by the appropriate *Christmas Carol*. At one time or another, most of the best-loved carols are included. A characteristic of the disc is the variety of the performing medium in which the carols are presented. It ranges from solo through small and large choral groups, children's chorus and organ.

A perennial favorite at Christmastime is Handel's *Messiah*, containing the popular *Hallelujah* chorus. It has been issued by Unicorn Records in a three-disc album performed by the Handel and Haydn Society of Boston with the Zimble Sinfonietta, conducted by Thompson Stone. Soloists are Adele Addison, soprano; Lorna Sydney, contralto; David Lloyd, tenor; and Donald Gramm, bass.

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Two ways to assuage a holiday sweet tooth

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SOUR CREAM ALMOND FILLING

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sour cream	$\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup confectioners' sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped almonds
2 whole eggs	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon almond flavoring

- Combine sour cream, sugar, eggs and salt in heavy saucepan.
- Cook over direct heat stirring constantly until the mixture is thick.
- Cool slightly and beat with a rotary beater until fluffy.
- Add almonds and almond flavoring and blend well.

WIENER SACHER

What is the *Wiener Sacher* cake like? It resembles the pound cake in texture and flavor, i.e., it is rich, compact and velvety in texture. How is the cake made? Basically speaking, there are two methods for making butter cakes; the conventional method and a short-cut muffin method, sometimes identified as one-bowl. We use the conventional method for this type of cake which means that the shortening is creamed thoroughly with the sugar, and the eggs are separated, the whites folded in last. We do not recommend the one-bowl method with this recipe.

There are many cooks today who have never made cakes the conventional way. So here is a procedure to follow which will help them to get organized:

1. Read recipe carefully.
2. Turn on oven. Set at 350° F.
3. Assemble all ingredients and let refrigerated ingredients come to room temperature.
4. Assemble equipment—you'll need a mixing bowl, electric mixer if you have one, or a good slotted wooden spoon, a set of dry measuring cups, a liquid measuring cup, measuring spoons, flour sifter and bowl large enough to hold 6 egg whites for beating and a 1-quart melon mold or bread-loaf pan.

Procedure with "reason why" for combining the ingredients: A publisher once said he published a certain cookbook, which became and still is enormously popular simply because it described what water looked like when it was boiling (it bubbles on top). In the same vein, here are some descriptive notes to help the novice baker in preparing this basic recipe:

1. Beat butter and sugar together until the sugar is dissolved. Test by rubbing a dab of the mixture between your thumb and forefinger. No grains of sugar will be evident. The mixture will be fluffy and foamy like hard sauce. *The proper mixing of butter and sugar is very important. It gives the cake height and a velvetyness.*
2. Egg yolks thicken the batter and make the cake light. *Up to this point it is impossible to overbeat.*

3. The orange juice and grated rind are added at this point for a good reason. The butter and egg yolks absorb and hold the flavor better than the flour and cornstarch. The finished cake retains more flavor longer when the orange is added at this step of the recipe.
4. Sifting the baking powder and salt in with the flour and cornstarch distributes them evenly. The triple sifting of the flour and cornstarch incorporates air into these ingredients, which adds lightness to the finished cake.
5. Whipped egg whites should be stiff enough to peak but still moist enough to have a glossy, shiny appearance. If beaten dry, this gloss will disappear. Do not beat egg whites until you are ready to fold them into the batter.
6. Folding in the egg whites should be done quickly and thoroughly by hand. Too little folding will give the cake a coarse texture; too much folding removes the air from the beaten whites and gives the cake less volume. Speed in folding is important to preserve lightness.
7. Here is the proper method of folding in egg whites. Heap the beaten whites on top of the batter—the lighter mixture on the heavier. Use a rubber or plastic bowl scraper. Cut through the two mixtures to the bottom of the bowl with the scraper in a vertical downward stroke. Lift the batter gently to the

top and place it over the whites. Repeat until the two mixtures are thoroughly combined—with no flakes of egg white showing.

8. When pouring the batter into the mold, swirl it from the center so it is slightly higher around the edge of the mold. In rising, it will level out instead of rounding up in the center.

PROPER METHOD OF USING ELECTRIC MIXER

Making a cake of this type requires an electric mixer or a strong arm. The former, quite naturally, is much preferred. When using an electric mixer it is important to follow certain rules:

- Cream butter at *high* speed for at least five minutes. Add sugar gradually without stopping mixer. Beat for 5 more minutes at *high* speed.
- Switch to *medium* speed and add egg yolks, one at a time. Continue beating after each addition. Use rubber bowl scraper often.
- Orange juice and rind are added at *medium* speed also.
- Add dry ingredients at *low* speed. Add slowly and scrape bowl often to insure thorough blending. *Beat not more than 2 minutes.* Overmixing after the flour has been added makes a less delicate cake.

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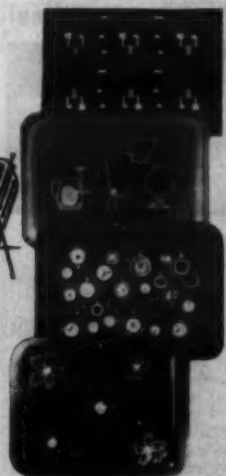
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Two ways to assuage a holiday sweet tooth

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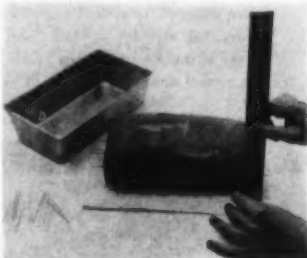
NOTE: This cake can be filled and glazed after it is thoroughly cool. However, we prefer to bake the cake the day before and store wrapped in foil, waxed paper or *Saran Wrap* in the breadbox. The flavor of the cake actually improves after 24 hours. The cake has a fine, grainy quality and will keep, unfilled, for at least a week wrapped and in a tin or breadbox. The filled and glazed cake can be very successfully frozen. It should be placed in the freezer long enough to become firm enough to wrap without marring the glaze. Then remove and wrap in aluminum foil or *Saran Wrap*, sealing the edges to make as airtight as possible. Return to freezer. Cake should be removed at least two hours before serving.

Variations:

- * Instead of orange concentrate and rind, substitute 2 tablespoons rum or brandy.
- * Or substitute the same quantities of concentrated lemonade and lemon rind for orange.

After the cake has baked, it is halved lengthwise. Gently scoop out the center of each half, about 1 inch from the edge, creating a cavity for the filling. This cavity should be large enough so each serving will get a portion of the filling.

Whether baked as a loaf (in a *Wear-Ever* bread pan) or in a mold, the cake is split the same way. With a ruler, measure half-way up each side, go around loaf, inserting toothpicks at half-way mark one inch apart



Once the cake has its collar of toothpicks (inserted deep enough to be stationary), the cake is cut in two with a sharp, serrated blade. Use toothpicks as a guide, letting the knife rest on them while it saws

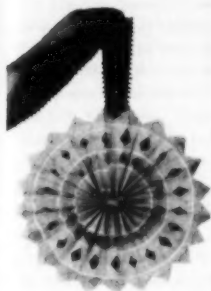


To carve out the center of each half, insert toothpicks in an oval one inch from the edge. Then (and a fork does the best job) follow the line marked by toothpicks, hollow out a cavity that will leave a 1-inch shell

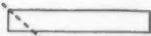
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LARGE MEDALLION



1. Cut two separate strips of paper 4 inches by 13 inches. Fold strip $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from one end, and continue folding forward and backward until entire 13 inches is accordion pleated. Repeat on second strip. Crease carefully. Spread the folded pieces out and paint brightly colored horizontal stripes on each piece with *Prang Water Colors*. Match stripes on the two pieces as they will be joined to form one ornament. After the paint is dry, pleat pieces again. Hold one of the folded pieces together with thumb and forefinger, then cut a diagonal snip off one end.



This will form points on the pleats. Do the same with the second folded piece. Make a fold $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch from the uncut end. Stick a pin in the middle of the folded part. Repeat with the second piece, using same pin.



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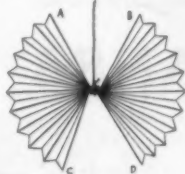
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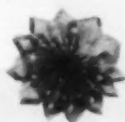
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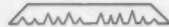
Fasten the two ends together by bending the pin over. In order to form a hook, bend the pin again in the opposite direction. Fasten hanging cord to this hook. Spread the two pieces in pleated fan shapes. Keep spreading and fasten A side to B side, and C side to D side with glue or Scotch tape, being careful to secure the hanging cord in between A and B when attaching the two sides. When the sides are taped together the ornament will become a completed circle.



CUTOUT MEDALLION

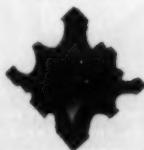


Follow the same directions given for the preceding medallion, only before you spread out the painted and pleated paper, cut triangular shapes in various sizes on one side of the folded paper.



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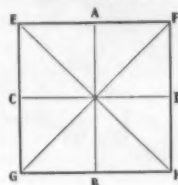
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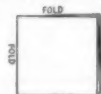
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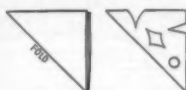


Paint each ruled triangle in different colors with *Prang Water Colors*. Allow to dry. Next fold (with colored areas out) along ruled line **AB** and **CD** ending up with a 2½-inch square.



Now fold the square again, this time to form a triangle.

Cut out small triangular areas on all sides of the ornament, but take care that some paper is always left between cuts to hold the ornament together. These cuts will form the snowflake.



Open folded paper completely, painted side out. Bring corners **E** and **H** together. Place hanging cord between **E** and **H** and glue together. Now bring corner **G** to join **E** and **H**, inverting fold as you do so.



Next bring corner **F** to join **E** and **H**, inverting fold. Glue corner **G** and **F** into position. The ornament may need readjustment with the fingers in order to have the folded sides opposite one another.



2. Christmas collage for an over-mantel decoration is made by gluing felt appliques to a piece of framed art board. Cut appliques from bright-colored felt, using any Christmas motif you may wish. Use Wiss sewing scissors for straight edges, Wiss pinking shears for serrated edges. To decorate appliques, spread a small amount of glue on top and then sprinkle with sequins or powdered glitter.

3. The merry moppets sitting in felt stockings are made from *O'Cedar* dust-mop pads. Tie pads into shape with bright ribbons and then embroider features with colored wool yarn.

4. Baleful beagle is made of a *Russell Lacy* bath mat pinned into shape. Large sequins are used for his eyes, gold icicles form his eyebrows, and his tongue is a deflated balloon. Poodle, shaped out of a *Patcraft Mills* bath mat has blue tinsel topknot and tail. The eyes may be glass buttons.

5. Holiday table mats are made from 26" plastic, cut 12½" x 18". Cut appliques and apply according to the directions given for the Christmas collage.

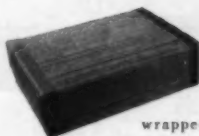
6. Christmas tree is made of *Pellon*, a nonwoven textile that will not ravel, glued to flower or bead wire. Decide how large you want the tree, then cut one long piece of wire for the tree trunk, many shorter pieces for branches. Coat wire with rubber cement and let dry. Cut *Pellon* in 1" strips. Saw-tooth or fringe one edge. Brush rubber cement along straight edge and let dry. Wrap fringed strip spirally around all wires. Next take long tree-trunk

piece and attach branches in tiers. Twist bottom of tree-trunk wire so that tree will stand in an upright position. Decorate the tree with ornaments.

7. Candlestick pincushion is made of cotton batting and felt. Roll up cotton and cover it with a piece of felt 6" x 9". Secure with glue. Cut a circle of felt, the diameter needed, to cover the top of candle and pink the edges. Cut two pieces of felt for the flame. Sew together and place a piece of wire between them. Decorate the flame with sequins and insert one end of wire into top of candle. Cut felt leaves for the base and glue them to candle. Take some gold cord and stitch or glue it to the candle pincushion

8. Telephone book cover is made of two 12" x 36" stripes of red *Pellon* stitched together on long sides and pinked along the edges. Cover-decorations are a special number list and a telephone, both cut out of *Pellon*. Dial of telephone is made of sequins glued to *Pellon*. Final decoration is a length of gold cord glued to cover.

9. Christmas tree skirt is made of $1\frac{3}{4}$ yards of 72" felt. Fold felt in half and cut out a circle. Cut a hole in the center of the skirt and one long line from this so that skirt can be fitted around the tree. With *Wiss* pinking shears, cut Noël appliqué from felt of a contrasting color. Glue or stitch letters to skirt and decorate with cutout felt mistletoe, holly leaves, sequins and beads glued to felt.



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Aprons for the whole family: One at near right has pleated paper skirt, straight bib and glued-on ribbon band. Apron (far right) has a tree made of string with clothespin ornaments. Reading from left to right, the aprons below are: decorated with fringe balls; striped with ball fringe and satin ribbons; made of tiered and pleated tissue paper



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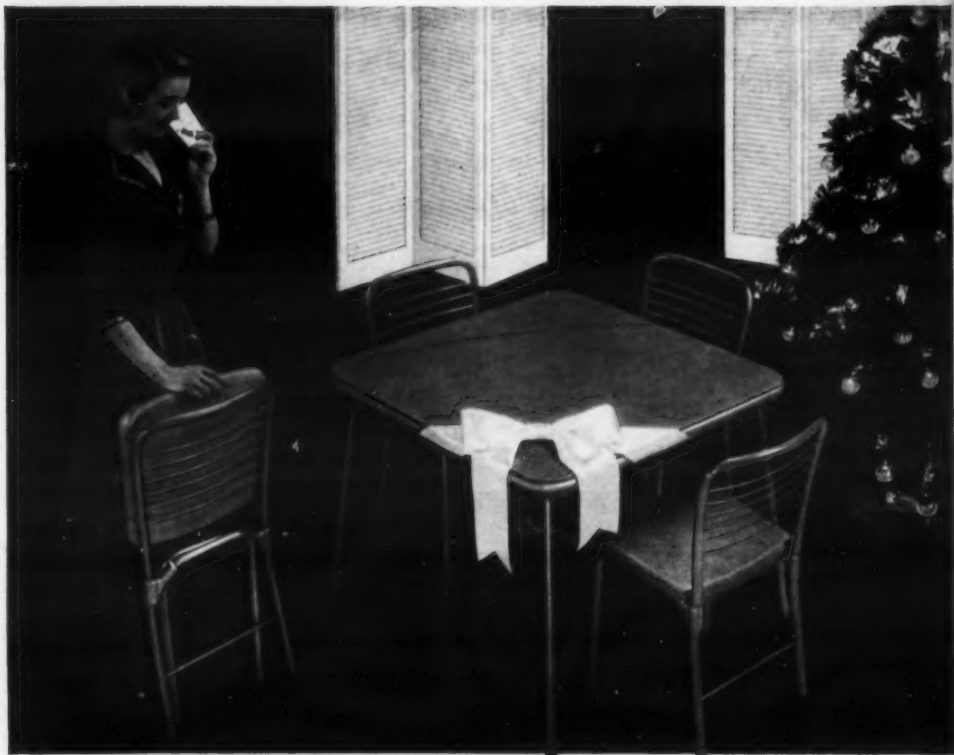
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